

VANCOUVER BANK ROBBER QUICKLY CAUGHT

Heavy Quake In North Pacific Region Record of Earth Shocks Continues For Six Hours

Superintendent Denison of Gonzales Heights Observa-
tory Says Quake Most Strongly Recorded He Has
Ever Known Here; Believes Centre Was Off East
Coast of Kamchatka Peninsula or Western End of
Aleutian Islands.

START WORK ON NEW POWER PLANT HERE

Foundations Being Prepared
to Carry \$600,000 C.P.R.
Building on Douglas St.

Actual construction work on the
\$600,000 power house for the Cana-
dian Pacific Railway has been com-
menced at the southeastern corner
of Douglas and Humboldt Streets
by the general contractors, Carter,
Halls-Aldinger and Co. Limited.

England-South Africa Flight Is Attempted

Cranwell, Lincolnshire, Eng., Dec.
17.—The Royal Air Force mono-
plane piloted by Squadron-leader
A. G. Jones-Williams, which left
here this morning in an effort to
establish a long distance nonstop
flight record to South Africa,
crossed the French coast at Mar-
seilles this afternoon. The next
point on the itinerary of the two
pilots was Sardinia.

STARTED IN MORNING

Cranwell, Lincolnshire, Eng., Dec.
17.—A Royal Air Force mono-
plane piloted by Squadron-leader
A. G. Jones-Williams and Flight-Lieut.
N. H. Jenkins left here to-day at 8 a.m.
(midnight Victoria time) in an attempt
to establish a long distance nonstop
flight record to South Africa.
The aeroplane is expected to reach
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JUDGE IS TO DECIDE SCHOOL SUSPENSION

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—The Van-
couver School Board is defending
the action filed against Principal
H. N. MacCorkindale of the Point
Grey Junior High School, by
George Henry Peebles, for the dis-
missal of his daughter, Frances
Winifred Peebles, for alleged
refusal to obey her schoolroom
teacher or the principal. The
defendant sought an injunction
in court yesterday against Mr.
MacCorkindale, and also claimed
damages for the suspension or ex-
pulsion of his daughter.

The trustees decided to defend the
principal after hearing the circum-
stances from Mr. MacCorkindale and
other officials connected with the case.
They stated the question was of vital
interest to the schools, where the
discipline of 40,000 pupils, they declared,
was at stake. They will contest the
injunction proceedings. George Mc-
Cormack, K.C., corporation counsel, will
appear for them.

A resolution was presented that the
board endorse the action of the prin-
cipal, but it was withdrawn after it
was pointed out that the matter, hav-
ing now reached the courts, the mo-
tion might be considered in the
nature of contempt of court.

For six hours this morning the
seismograph at the Gonzales Ob-
servatory recorded an earth distur-
bance, which F. Napier Denison,
superintendent, described as the
worst he had known there in thirty
years. The quake commenced at
3.56.15 and Mr. Denison believes
its centre was 3,630 miles from
Victoria, either off the east coast
of the Kamchatka Peninsula, Sib-
eria, or the western tip of the
Aleutian Islands.

NEEDLE SHAKEN OFF
Seattle, Dec. 17.—An earthquake so
severe that it shook the east-west
needle off the roll was recorded by the
University of Washington seismograph
here to-day.

The shocks began at 3.57 a.m. Pacific
time and continued approximately
three hours. The east-west needle was
put out of commission twelve minutes
after the disturbance began. The dis-
tance was estimated at a minimum of
1,200 miles in a northerly direction,
which would place the centre of the
earthquake in the North Pacific Ocean
or in the Aleutian Islands of Alaska.

The records of the quake fol-
lowed reports last week from the
steamer Star, westbound along the
Aleutian Peninsula from Seattle,
that seven major volcanoes in sight
of the coast line were unusually
active.

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200 LANDED AFTER SHIP WAS WRECKED

Wellington, N.Z., Dec. 17.—Two hun-
dred passengers and crew were landed
safely when the steamship Manuka,
4,534 tons, was wrecked to-day at Long
Point, between Bluff and Dunedin.
The cargo, including a collection of
British pictures valued at \$25,000,
apparently was lost.

NAVAL BASES CLOSED

London, Dec. 17.—Rt. Hon. A. V.
Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty,
this evening informed the House of
Commons Great Britain had closed
seven small naval bases and one dock-
yard.

Volunteers Work Mine Where Riot Was Seen

Sydney, N.S., Dec. 17 (Canadian Press
Cable Via Reuters).—The Rothbury
Mine, scene of yesterday's rioting when
a section of the 4,000 striking miners
attempted to occupy the mine, was re-
opened to-day by the New South Wales
Government with the aid of volunteer
workers. Unlike yesterday, when one
miner was killed and scores of others
and police wounded when the mine
was rushed by the strikers, the re-
sumption of work at the mine to-day
was carried out without any outward
incident.

BRIG-GEN. HAYTER DIES IN LONDON

London, Dec. 17 (Canadian Press
Cable).—Brigadier-General Hayter,
born in Toronto in 1873 and chief of
staff of the Canadian Corps at the
close of the Great War, died here to-
day of appendicitis.

FRENCH PILOTS CLAIM CIRCUIT FLIGHT RECORD

Marseilles, France, Dec. 17.—Cap-
tain Dieudonne Coste and his com-
panion, Paul Codos, landed at the
Istria aviation field to-day after
setting a new world record for a
closed circuit flight of 8,100 kilo-
metres, or approximately 5,081
miles.



DIEUDONNE COSTE

The flight was in the air fifty-two
hours and thirty-four minutes, and
during that period covered a wide cir-
cuit that carried them over Avignon
Nimes and to the Isles Pyling Field.

The figures given out after to-day's
flight were unofficial and it was stated
the exact distance would be announced
later.

Alfred Heather Has Notable Career in Music Presentation

Celebrated English Tenor Has Managed Six Tours of
"The Beggar's Opera" on This Continent and Has
Been Associated With Noted Geniuses; Will Appear
in Production of Musical Plays at Yuletide Festival.

In its desire to secure high-talent
talent for the staging of its music
festivals the Canadian Pacific
Railway has marshaled together a
notable array of musical artists.

A number of these artists, who
have achieved world-wide distinc-
tion, will take part in the Yule-
tide and Sea Music Festival which
will be a distinctive feature of the
Christmas and New Year seasons
in this city.

One of these outstanding mu-
sical geniuses is Alfred Heather,
celebrated English tenor, who will
depict the role of Henry Lawes in
the ballad opera "Christmas With
Herrick," and also portray a dual
personality in the Dickens play
"Snowed In," during the Yuletide
Festival which will open at the
Empress Hotel on Monday, Decem-
ber 22.

Mr. Heather's association with the
Canadian Pacific Railway's festival
spirit dates from last year when, as he
was preparing for his last tour on this
continent with the Beggar's Opera
Company, he was invited by John Mur-
ray Gibson, publicity director for the
company, and Harold Eustace Key,
musical director, to assist in the pro-
duction of Dr. Ralph Vaughan Wil-
liam's ballad opera "Hugh the Drover."
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Eleven Per Cent Of Insured Workers In Britain Unemployed

London, Dec. 17 (Canadian Press).—
Unemployment in Great Britain still
grows. Figures issued by the Labor De-
partment to-day show that of 12,600,
000 insured against unemployment,
eleven per cent were unemployed at
November 25, as compared with No-
vember 1928, when the percentage of
unemployed was 12.1.

The percentages include the tem-
porarily laid off as well as those wholly
unemployed.

LITTLE JOE

IT TAKES A BOSS
WIFE TO GET A TALL
FELLOW
SHORT.

Christian Scientists
Interview Cabinet To
Secure Legislation

Legislation which would better
protect them in the practice of their
religion in this Province was sought
by a delegation of thirty Christian Sci-
entists from all parts of British Co-
lumbia, which sailed on the Cabinet
this morning. The delegation was
headed by F. H. Lothgren. No details
of their request were made public.

CITY NOT TO INTERVENE IN CONTROVERSY

Opposition Service of Haul-
tain Street Proposed By
B.C.E.R., City Learns

Alderman James Adam De-
scribes Tactics as Unfair to
Pioneers of Route

Outspoken comment by one
alderman and legal advice that the
city had no power to intervene in
the issue, featured discussion by
the City Council on the proposed
Haultain haul service by the British
Columbia Electric Railway Com-
pany yesterday afternoon.

The question came before the
council in a letter from P. Phillips,
Deputy Minister of Public Works, ask-
ing the city recommendation on two
applications before the department
from the B.C.E.R. Company Limited.
Both applications were for bus service
over the same route on Haultain
Street, involving city loops.

Concurrently with the letter from
the Deputy Minister the council re-
ceived a written opinion from H. S.
Tringle, city solicitor, asked for by
Mayor Anselcomb.

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Search Made For Bodies of Men and Boat

J. W. Campbell and Three
Others Reported Drowned
Near Port Alice

Port Alice, B.C., Dec. 17.—A
hoarse cry for help far out on the
bay opposite the Tomlinson & Fye
logging camp, two miles from here,
during a heavy snow squall was
the last heard of four men who
left here Thursday night in a small
outboard motor boat.

Raffling the about probably indi-
cated a tragedy, men from the camp
went out aboard a gaboon. They
searched with the aid of a powerful
searchlight, but found no trace of men
or boat.

The missing men are J. Walter Camp-
bell, thirty-five, of Vancouver, and a
man named Smith, both of whom
worked at the logging camp, and A.
Sapara and a man who arrived here
recently, name unknown.

HOPE TO VISIT VANCOUVER
The men embarked in the small boat
here at 7.30 p.m. Thursday. All were
in good spirits, contemplating a visit
to Vancouver for the Christmas hol-
idays. Campbell, Smith and Sapara
knew the bay well and had sailed over
it many times.

TORONTO MAN IS HELD TO FACE MURDER TRIAL

Police Say E. Stewart Con-
fessed He Killed J. Freeland,
Butcher

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Edward Stewart,
thirty-three, who was arrested by po-
lice early this morning and charged
with the murder yesterday of John
Freeland, fifty-one-year-old east end
butcher, appeared in police court here
to-day. He was remanded without
bail until December 27.

SEARCH WAS BRIEF
Toronto, Dec. 17.—Just six hours
after John Freeland, a local butcher, was
found brutally murdered in the cellar
of his east end shop last evening, de-
tectives arrested Edward Stewart, a
former employee, and obtained a con-
fession of the crime, according to a
statement issued from the local head-
quarters to-day.

When first arrested, Stewart denied
stoutly he was implicated in the mur-
der, but later, according to the police,
broke down and stated he had intended
to rob his former employer, but had
struck him too hard and caused his
death.

Teller Sounds Alarm and Vancouver Crowd Pursues Thug and He Is Captured

Gunman Hands Cashier in Bank of Montreal Branch
Note Demanding \$5,000, But Clerk Blows Police
Whistle and Chase Starts Which Ends With Capture
of Would-be Robber in Street by Two Citizens, Who
Turn Him Over to Police.

BROADER TAXATION NECESSARY

Municipalities and Trustees
Send Delegation to Cabinet

Complain Education Costs
Growing With No Increased
Provincial Grant

A broadening of taxation, especially
school taxation, so that those now
enjoying municipal services without
directly paying anything towards the
costs will be forced to contribute was
declared essential by a delegation
representing the Union of B.C. Munici-
palities and the B.C. School Trustees' As-
sociation which waited on the British
Columbia Cabinet this morning.

The delegation was headed by Alder-
man E. H. Bridgman, president of the
Union, and George Grant, secretary of
the Trustees' Association.

School taxes were considered at
length. Some broadening of the
present taxation system to meet the
increasing cost of education and to
relieve the burden on landowners was
declared necessary.

WANT GOVERNMENT TO ACT
The present situation was described
as unbearable and one of the most
urgent needs, delegates said, was to
broaden it to embrace those who
now enjoyed privileges to which they
did not contribute. The delegates did
not feel that they should offer advice
as to how this should be done, as this
was a matter for the Government to
decide. They would be prepared, how-
ever, to endorse any responsible
scheme devised by the Government for
this purpose.

In the meantime they went on
record as appreciating the efforts of
Hon. Joshua Hinchcliffe, Minister of
Education, towards a solution of the
problem.

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Stores Open Each Night and All To-morrow

Statutory provisions enforcing close-
ure hours of stores and observance of
the Wednesday afternoon half holiday
will not be effective to-day, until
Christmas Day, Chief of Police John
Fry this morning announced.

BIG NEW C.P.R. SHIP LAUNCHED

Glasgow, Dec. 17.—Slipping down
the greatest ways ever erected by
men, the ship which will be a mighty
splendour in the birth of a new
era, the Canadian Pacific
liner Empress of Japan was
launched this afternoon by Mrs. E.
R. Pearce, wife of the Canadian
financier. The launching was from
the works of the Fairfield Ship-
building Company. The ship is in-
tended for the Vancouver-Victoria-
Orient service of the company.

6 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

WHEN YOU
GET TO THE
BOTTOM OF YOUR
SHOPPING LIST
YOU'RE SITTING ON
TOP OF THE WORLD.

DOZEN MEN LOSE LIVES IN COAL PIT

McAlester, Okla., Dec. 17.—About
a dozen men were known to have
been killed in an explosion that
trapped sixty-two employees in the
Old Town Coal Company mines at
North McAlester to-day.

The explosion occurred shortly be-
fore 11 a.m.

The bureau of mines rescue station
here recruited first aid crews from
mines throughout this region and
rushed them to the scene of the dis-
aster.

Three Fliers Who Left Spain Arrive in Brazil, Two Being Badly Hurt

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Dec. 17.—
Major Tadeo Larra-Borges, Uru-
guayan flier, and his French com-
panion, Lieut. Leon Challe, were
seriously injured in a forced land-
ing last night on the northeastern
coast of Brazil after a flight of
3,600 miles from Seville, Spain,
across the South Atlantic.

The Uruguayan Legation in Rio
Janeiro issued a statement this mor-
ning describing the two pilots as hav-
ing been injured when their plane
overturned at a wild spot in the State
of Rio Grande do Norte, near the vil-
lage of Macacuba. A third man aboard
the plane, the mechanic, apparently
was not hurt.

HYDRO LAKES SHOW RISE OF LEVELS TO-DAY

Rain and Thawing Snow
Ease Power Shortage at
Vancouver

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—Levels of the
three lakes supplying the B.C. Elec-
tric Railway Company's power plants
in this district continue to rise, with
rain on the watersheds and mild
weather melting snow which fell last
week.

During the twenty-four hours ended
at 2 o'clock this morning, Coquitlam
Lake rose .25 of a foot, Alouette Lake
.15 and Stave Lake .15 of a foot. Rain-
fall at Coquitlam was 1.03 inches; at
Alouette .2 of an inch and Stave Falls
1.3 inches.

Fair and mild weather was forecast
to-day by E. B. Shearman, Dominion
meteorologist. The barometer is higher
and clear weather, with higher tem-
peratures, prevails over the whole
coast.

FALK'S INFLUENZA CLAIM DISCREDITED

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The Ameri-
can medical Association, through
its Journal, will in its next issue
denounce as "unwarranted" the
announcement of Dr. I. S. Falk
that he had isolated the influenza
germ.

Dr. Falk, professor of hygiene and
bacteriology at the University of
Chicago, announced last Friday
through the publicity department of
the university that he and his labo-
ratory assistants had successfully isolated
the germ causing influenza and has
been led to hope through further ex-
periments that a preventive vaccine
might be prepared.

WOMAN STRUCK ON THE HEAD BY ARMED ROBBER

Proprietress in Vancouver
Sees Her Store Looted By
Two Criminals

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—Faced by two
armed bandits in her store at 1101
East Thirtieth Street shortly after
7.30 last evening, Mrs. Isabel E. Davis
made a brave but unsuccessful struggle
to prevent the place being robbed.

The bandits obtained \$35, a cheque for
\$1 and thirty packets of cigarettes.
The men entered the store when
Mrs. Davis was alone. One covered her
with a revolver while he looted the
cash register of a small amount of sil-
ver. The other went to a table and
took a purse which contained a large
sum.

Mrs. Davis attacked the man in an
endeavor to save the money, but re-
ceived a heavy blow on the jaw which
dazed her. The men then fled.

Christmas Gift Sets

Yardley's, \$1.00 to \$10.00
 Dainties, \$1.00 to \$7.50
 Langlands, \$5.00 to \$8.50
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 SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

ESQUIMALT TO BACK CITY IN CNR. MOVE

Council Endorses Victoria's Action in Seeking Home Port For Steamers Here

B.C. Electric Railway Co. Asks More Time For Survey of Bus Situation

Hearty endorsement of the city of Victoria's move to request the Canadian National Railways to establish their home port for the B.C. coast steamers in Victoria, was given by the Esquimalt Council at its meeting in the Municipal Hall last night.

Councillor Hatfield noted that the selection of Victoria as the steamers' headquarters would be of great value to Esquimalt, since the proximity of the home port to the Government dry-docks would tend to bring repair business to the municipality.

WANT MORE DATA

During the meeting a request that the Esquimalt bus situation be left in abeyance until the B.C. Electric Railway Company had more data, was made by the company in a letter to the council.

The communication stated that the company was busy collecting information on the cost of operating a suitable service in the municipality and was looking into the matter generally. In the letter A. T. Goward stated that "there was no doubt that the fare now charged on the company's street cars would not be anywhere near sufficient to cover the cost of motor bus operation in the municipality."

ELECTION PREPARATIONS

Preparations were then made for the election, which will be held in the municipality next month. J. R. Collier was appointed returning officer and D. A. Henry was named as his assistant. The Municipal Hall was selected as the place for holding nominations as well as the polling station for Section 1 of the municipality. The store on the corner of Arm Street and Craigflower Road was selected for the Section 2 polling station. Considerable discussion as to the advisability of using radio station CPCT to broadcast the election speeches was entered upon by the

councillors. It was generally felt that sending the addresses over the air would be beneficial to the municipality from a publicity point of view, but no concrete steps were taken in the matter.

Requests for local improvements were referred to the incoming council.

READY FOR FIRE CALLS

A report submitted by the fire and lights committee stated that arrangements had been made to have one of the municipality's firemen constantly prepared to answer calls both during the day and night.

At the opening of the meeting Councillor Smith, chairman of the public works committee, reported that a net sum of \$704.15 had been spent in the upkeep of the Memorial Park.

GOLF CLUB SEEKS AID

Fixed Assessment Asked By Gorge Vale Association; By-law Will Be Submitted

A by-law to decide whether or not the Gorge Vale Golf Club will have a fixed assessment of \$60,000 for a period of fifteen years will go to the ratepayers of Esquimalt as the result of a decision reached by the council of the municipality last night.

The by-law will be submitted at the next meeting and will be up for its first two readings.

In requesting the council to offer this by-law to the people, W. Shewell Morris of the Gorge Vale Golf Club explained to the council that \$60,000 was the amount the club paid the Hudson's Bay for the property on which it was building the course. Since its purchase \$30,000 had been spent for improvements and \$40,000 more would be expended ultimately before the course was brought into perfect shape, he stated.

He realized that the council was at liberty to impose the \$60,000 assessment this year and to raise it as the value of the land increased, but appealed to them on the grounds that the building of such a course would raise the sales value of land adjoining it and would therefore be of benefit to the municipality.

In his comment to the council, Mr. Morris stated that he expected to see the Gorge Vale course become not only the best in Victoria or British Columbia, but also one of the first ranking courses on the Pacific Northwest. Following considerable discussion, Councillor A. Lockley moved that the by-law be drawn up before the election. His motion was seconded by Councillor T. Hatfield and carried.

UNEMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE IS NOT NEEDED

Canada's Work Situation Is Strongest on Record, Says Heenan

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The Federal Government does not consider any necessity exists for calling a conference with respect to unemployment, according to Hon. Peter Heenan, Minister of Labor, who issued a statement to this effect following a conference he held yesterday with the executive of the Unemployment Service Council of Canada.

Among the considerations which influenced the government not to convene such a conference were the fact that employment in Canada at the moment stood at the highest peak reached at this period of year since 1920, and that the great transportation companies and the Government had embarked on a program of work aggregating many millions of dollars.

Moreover, the Minister did not think a conference of the character that was recently held in the United States by President Hoover would accomplish any good in Canada, particularly in the phase where the suggestion was made that workers of the United States should agree among themselves not to seek higher wages.

"Personally, I do not think present conditions warrant asking workers of this country to agree not to seek higher wages and conditions they may consider they are entitled to, or to interfere in any way with their normal method of procedure as to how they should handle their affairs," said Mr. Heenan.

SITUATIONS DIFFER

The Minister stated that in his opinion there was not the same necessity for calling a conference with respect to unemployment as there was in the United States. "In that country," Mr. Heenan said, "the crash in the stock market destroyed confidence and threatened to result in slackening activity in industry generally. Confidence had to be established or restored."

Speaking of employment figures in Canada and the United States, Mr. Heenan said: "The basic figure of 100 in both countries is the average for the year 1920. The latest return from the United States shows the index number for employment for the month of September, 1929, was 99.3, while the comparable index number for Canada was 119.2—other words, 20.9 higher in Canada than in the United States. Moreover, the index of employment in all industries in Canada as of November 1, 1929, stands at 124.6, which represents the highest peak of employment reached at this period of the

year since the statistics have been gathered."

Other People's Views

Letters addressed to the editor and intended for publication must be short and clearly written. The lower an article the shorter the chance of insertion. All communications must be sent to the editor, not to the publisher. The publisher is the director of the Editor. No responsibility is assumed by the paper for the preservation of letters. To the Editor of the Communications submitted to the Editor.

MUCH DISCUSSED BOOK

To the Editor:—"Our intellectual prejudices determine the channels along which our reason shall flow."—Aldous Huxley.

Does not one's mind immediately turn to a thought like that when we read the criticism adverse to and in favor of such a book as "All Quiet on the Western Front." Again to quote Aldous Huxley, "poisons which for one generation are dubious novelties, become for the next absolute truths which it is criminal to deny, and duty to uphold." I am not upholding "All Quiet on the Western Front," neither am I deprecating it; not being a literary critic, I am not in a position to do either. What is such a book as "Yellow Backs" to the mind of each individual reader, and that makes an interesting study.

As in the matter of dress, diet, sport and pleasure, manners and modes are enured and changed, so in the arts: music, painting and literature. These days of what is termed greater freedom, books, from the classics to the "amity" variety can be obtained almost for the asking. Not so very long ago certain books were known as "Yellow Backs." Was the censorship any severer in those days? Was it not rather either one of two things: the general public was not such a voracious reading public as it is now, or, owing to the cost of production, the supply did not fill the demand.

It has been said "that a little learning is a dangerous thing," but it is through the little things that we become greater. It is only recently that the general public has been able to begin to assuage its inquisitiveness through the medium of literature. What is the difference between a few years ago, when while in the act of reading a dubious novel, one's husband's footsteps in the hall, hurriedly hid it under her cushion and took up her embroidery, or husband who read and discussed dubious books with men at the club, but never referred to them in the presence of his wife, and the present day when all and sundry books are openly and discussed by and in the presence of both sexes? The difference is perhaps not so much the difference of the intellectual prejudices of the past as the difference of the readers themselves, as in the difference in intellectual freedom of the sexes. Persons then as now had their prejudices, but it was not always a la mode to voice them from the house. There are those even yet who, having been brought up and guided by the ideas of an earlier generation cannot rationalize their views to more modern ones, unless the more modern can be made adjustable to those with which they are familiar.

In order to form any conclusion as to why such a book as "All Quiet on the Western Front," has received so much notoriety and become so popular, one must go back to the beginning to read in "Proper Studies," the chapter on Varieties of Intelligence, and then ask all with whom one came in contact, what their reactions or opinions were in regard to it.

The book is the creation of one mind, and whether the subject matter was gleaned from personal experience, or from the experiences of others, were intentionally pulling the author's leg, does not detract from the fact that in the Trinity College Review it is referred to in one part as "some pages being very wonderful," and in another part as "tainted by smut and leaves a nasty taste in the reader's mouth." The book being the creation of one mind its popularity is obviously due to the intellectual prejudices of the mass governed by the prejudices of a few individuals. It is not always intellectual prejudice that causes a person to buy a book. Not business acumen a great deal to do with the sale of a book? Man's primitive instincts are not yet wholly controlled by his mental powers. There is the tendency of "mass" influence, commonly known as "keeping up with the Joneses." The art of advertising is to be able to persuade one to think one desires, and therefore must buy, something which one knows nothing about, and instinctive curiosity helps to put through the deal. What the after effects are on the readers of dubious books matters not at all to those making money from the sale thereof.

However, the wish is perhaps father to the thought, that "All Quiet on the Western Front" being placed in every high school library, may be only another piece of salesmanship propaganda. In any case, a good many of the present high school youth have probably read it in their parents' or friends' houses, and by the time those that have not, have reached that age, if they do take it down from the high school library shelf, it will be to read it as a "back number." There will be something newer and more modern to read as a "Best-seller." J.H. Victoria, B.C., December 16, 1929.

Langford

The regular meeting of the young people's club, "Nite Hocs," was held on Friday evening at the home of Keith and Campbell Brown. Mrs. A. F. Bayles, honorary president, was present and Cyril Wilkinson presided. An interesting flower contest was won by John Wilkinson and Miss Christine Broderston. Games and community singing were also enjoyed. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Norman Brown, assisted by her sons. The next meeting will be on January 10.

Mrs. Frank Smedley was hostess to a number of young people on Saturday evening to celebrate the sixteenth birthday of her daughter Betty. Games and music were enjoyed, while Margaret and Glenys entertained the company with many novelty dances. A large feed birthday cake decorated the supper table and dainty candy receptacles were placed besides every one's plate. The guests were: The Misses Cecily and Pamela Bennett, Adele and Margaret Yates, Stella and Eileen Hinks, Jean Clarke, Betty and Margaret Smedley, Elizabeth Wood, Ruth Pearce and Glenys Smedley, Dean Johnston, Tom Dixon, Howard Smedley and Rodney Bayles.

Mrs. R. Broderston has returned from a visit to relations in Vancouver. Bert Cooke, assistant master at St. Aidan's School, has left to spend the Christmas vacation at his home at Westholme.

B. E. Hardisty left on Saturday to visit his father in Vancouver.

Miss Ada Simpson spent the week-end in Victoria as the guest of the



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Misses P. and M. Moon, Oxford Street, A. E. Wale of Broadview Farm, Island Highway, was elected vice-president of the Metcalf Farmer's Institute at their annual meeting.

Garden City

The fortnightly card party of the Garden City Women's Institute was held in Marigold Hall on Friday evening, with six tables in play. The winners of the first prizes were Mrs. Hurton and Mr. Dreunen; second, Mrs. Hunt and Mr. Longland; consolation, Mrs. Hooper and Mr. Hunt. Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Hooper were the hostesses.

There will be a special card party next Friday, December 20, to take the place of the following week at which a turkey drive will be held.

Miss Florence Thomas, of Spears, Sask., who has been the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Holden, Gladstone Avenue, left on Friday for her home.

GERMANY WANTS LOAN FROM U.S.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—President von Hindenburg last night received Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, president of the Reichsbank, reportedly to learn the attitude of the banker toward the big loan for which the Finance Ministry is negotiating in the United States.

Political circles regarded the visit

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of Dr. Schacht as of the greatest importance in view of his hitherto steadfast refusal to sanction a foreign loan until the Reich has provided measures for a \$125,000,000 increase in taxes.

The results of his conference with the President were kept secret, but it was believed a good guess as to the result might be made during the next few days by watching the attitude of the Reichsbank toward the loan.

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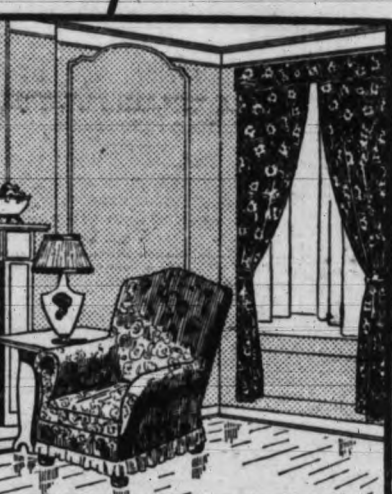
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Possibility of a rate war, which before it is through may see not only sharply-cut fares, but passengers in the Haultain and Fernwood district riding to town and back home on free passages, loomed to-day when the B.C. Electric Railway found the way clear to start its motor coach service on the Haultain route at once in direct competition with the Veterans' Blue Line, which has been operating buses on that line for some time.

Four of the latest type, high speed, Yellow Coach, forty-passenger buses were shipped from Vancouver to-day to the B.C. Electric in Victoria. The buses are being brought across to Nanaimo and will run down to Victoria over the Haultain route. It is proposed to start on a fifteen-minute service.

It is understood that the B.C. Electric has decided on this route of the Blue Line's exclusive territory in retaliation for the Blue having entered into direct competition with the B.C. Electric in the Oak Bay street car line. It was reported to-day that as the first inducement offered to get control of the Haultain Street business away from the Blue Line, the B.C. Electric will give regular transfers from the buses over the street car routes of the city.

If this inducement alone does not prove effective in winning the fight, it was reported that fares would be cut.

PLAINS IN GRIP OF COLD WAVE

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—The prairies are in the grip of another cold wave.

Coldest place in Canada overnight, Prince Albert, Sask., felt the crackling cold of "forty below." Milk froze on back porches, radiator fluid solidified in bulky motor cars noses and ears froze and red flannels were unearthed from among the mothballs. Battleford, another northern Saskatchewan point, recorded 34 below, and Qu'Appelle, in the central portion of the province, 28 below. A few flakes of snow came down at Edmonton, but no other precipitation was reported by weather officials. Alberta's weather was comparatively mild. Though all stations recorded below-zero figures, the temperature at four points edging momentarily a degree or so below zero, and at Lethbridge were the coldest spots in the province at 10 and 11 degrees below.

DUNCAN MAN HAS NOW SHOT 116 COUGARS

Duncan, Dec. 17.—The Holman drove into town on Monday with five dead cougars stowed on his truck. He shot three of the animals on the Mountain Road and two at Hill 60. This makes a total of 116 cougars shot by Holman.

GABRIOLA SENDS MANY TURKEYS FOR TRADE HERE

Nanaimo, Dec. 17.—About two thousand turkeys are now being dressed and killed on Gabriola Island for Victoria, Nanaimo and Vancouver Christmas trade. This is a very large increase over records of past years.

BROADER TAXATION IS NECESSARY

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The municipalities of British Columbia, the delegation reminded the Government, had to provide for eighty per cent of the education in the province and were only given the same Government grant now as in 1905. Since that time the cost of education in the province had more than quadrupled.

The delegation meeting the Government this morning included Aldermen E. H. Brideman of North Vancouver, George A. Grant, chairman of the Burnaby School Board, and secretary of the School Trustees' Association; Trustee Alex. Peden of Victoria, Rev. T. Reid of Surrey, Comptroller A. J. Pilkington of Vancouver, Councillor L. Lambert of Burnaby, Trustee Carr of Matequi, and R. F. Blandy, municipal clerk of the Municipality of Oak Bay.

The Vancouver delegates returned to the Mainland on this afternoon's boat following an informal luncheon at the Empress Hotel.

The following memorandum in part, drafted on behalf of the Union of B.C. Municipalities and the British Columbia School Trustees' Association, was presented to the Government.

"The contention of the representatives of the municipalities and school boards is that the burden of taxation for the education of the province is distributed, and that the owners of real property situated within the municipalities are compelled to pay taxes out of all proportion to the ability to pay taxes. This applies especially to those municipalities which are situated in the interior of the province."

PREMIER KING HAS BIRTHDAY

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Premier King is spending a quiet birthday. The Prime Minister, who is fifty-five years old to-day, did not go down to his office in the East Block. Instead he received at Laurier House hundreds of messages of greeting and congratulation from friends and well-wishers. With a private secretary he spent a large part of the day opening and answering them. The evening will also be spent quietly, probably at Laurier House.

taxes for education, which is a provincial rather than a municipal service. "It is submitted that the entire field of provincial and municipal revenue and expenditure should be considered as one field, as the functions of the Province and the municipalities are largely identical. The ultimate control of municipal taxation rests with the Province. And to a large extent the Province determines the expenditure of the municipalities. But the revenues assigned by the Legislature have proved inadequate and not sufficiently elastic under present-day conditions. The chief source of municipal revenue is the tax on real property, which has become increasingly irksome and unpopular. Many owners have abandoned their property owing to excessive taxes. This tax has now grown to some \$16,600,000 a year and is by long odds the most important tax in the municipal system of the Province. Of this tax no less than \$5,700,000 was required in 1928 for school purposes. In forty-two of our sixty-one cities and districts the school tax exceeds forty per cent of the levy.

CALLS FOR RELIEF
"It is recognized that school taxation is only a part of the broader question of public finance in this Province. But it is urged, with all respect, that the problem calls for active and immediate consideration and that in many respects the situation is becoming more acute. In 1913 the net rate in Vancouver was 20 mills, to-day it is 37½ mills. In Victoria as recently as 1917 the rate was 19 mills; in 1929 the rate of 41 mills had been reached. These remarkable increases do not tell the whole story, for this year's rates include a tax on 50 per cent of improvements while in the earlier years there was no tax on improvements. The municipalities in 1931, after allowing for the 50 per cent statutory exception of improvements, was \$455,000,000; in 1929 it was \$467,000,000. The increased assessment, even at 40 mills, would only yield \$480,000. But during the period it was found necessary to increase the real property tax by \$2,600,000.

"The assumption is also made that the grants from the Province and the betting tax have solved the financial problem of the municipalities. While these grants have been of material assistance, they have not prevented a relative as well as an actual increase in the real property tax. Their beneficial effect has also been reduced substantially by legislation subsequent to their initiation in 1921. The proportion of liquor profits has been whittled down, and new expenditures have been thrust upon the municipalities such as superannuation, hospital charges and increase of fire departments.

COSTLY EXPERIMENTS
"The imposition of expenditure by the Legislature and the Education Department appears to be decided with little or no regard for the financial resources of the municipalities. A recent instance is the four-year term for high school education; this will entail much larger expenditure, and the national advantage is open to question. No satisfactory solution of the financial problem can be achieved unless and until any increase in expenditure is restricted to the normal growth of revenue. The situation remains bad when rates of taxation have to be increased. In point of fact there is urgent need for reductions in the rate of taxation in the municipalities.

"What is aimed at by the municipalities is not any increase in the taxes levied upon the people of the Province, but an adjustment of taxation in keeping with the statement of the Hon. the Minister of Finance in his last budget address, when he said: 'Taxes should be so distributed that the marginal utility of the money paid is equal. It matters little whether the taxes are named provincial or municipal. They serve common purposes; and are paid largely from the same source—the income of the people of this Province. If equal distribution is to be obtained, it is submitted that the best method (within the limitations of the British North America Act) is some form of tax for educational and other social purposes based upon income, in lieu of the present tax on that portion of the community which owns municipal real property. The intention of the Hon. the Minister of Finance expressed in his budget address, 'that the whole of the fiscal system be minutely and carefully surveyed in its relation to the economic life of the Province' is noted with satisfaction, together with his declaration that 'whatever deterrent features exist in the manner of distribution or collection of taxes will be eliminated.' Those words express in no small measure the desire of the municipal councils and the school boards.

"If no adjustment of revenues can be made, and nothing can be done to reduce the cost of education on the present scale, it appears that the logical alternative is to reduce the facilities for free education," concluded the statement.

RECORD OF EARTH SHOCKS CONTINUES FOR SIX HOURS

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Volcanic activity in that region in the past usually has been accompanied by heavy earth shocks, which might be destructive were it not for the fact that the region is largely uninhabited.

FIRE SEEN
Captain Anderson of the Starr wireless to the Associated Press the volcano was spouting lava and fire. He listed the following peaks as showing great activity: Mount Katmai, Fayoff, Magick, Kagami, Akutan, Ohlginskag and Shishaldin.

Mount Shishaldin, he said, was spouting fire from a crater several hundred feet in the air at short intervals.

The same peaks were active in 1912 and previously in 1906, 1912, 1913 and 1914.

RECORDED IN CALIFORNIA
Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 17.—The most severe seismological disturbance recorded in some modern times was recorded by instruments at the University of California seismological laboratory early to-day.

Professor Perry Byerly estimated the centre of disturbance was 3,400 miles to the northwest, which would locate it in the Aleutian Islands.

RECORDED IN COLORADO
Denver, Colo., Dec. 17.—An earthquake of second degree intensity this morning was recorded on the seismograph at Regis College, Rev.

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NEW JOURNALISTS' BODY TAKES SHAPE

Provincial Organization Will Have Branches Throughout British Columbia

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—As a result of a meeting in Hotel Vancouver on

Sunday, attended by representatives of the five daily newspapers of Vancouver and Victoria, the scope of the British Columbia Institute of Journalists will be considerably broadened.

Following instructions from general meetings held in both cities, executive delegates agreed to a new provincial constitution, under which there will be a governing body for all the province. Branches of this body, under their own officers, will be established in Vancouver, Victoria and elsewhere throughout British Columbia. The meeting marked the culmination of

discussions extending over a period of months.

The new plans are to be submitted for final ratification to general meetings in Vancouver and Victoria, and the enlarged institute should be in operation early in the new year. Under the new arrangement the chairman of the Vancouver branch, which has the greatest membership, will become ex-officio president of the institute.

H. A. Stein, president of the institute, was chairman of the gathering, and delegates present from Victoria included T. B. Wilson, H. B. McDonald and Leslie Fox. The Vancouver delegates were J. Edward Norcross, C. A. Sutherland, Myrtle Patterson, Sydney Scott, W. A. Findlay, E. H. Scott, Robert Elson and John Graham.

Following the conference, the Victoria delegates were entertained at dinner by their Vancouver colleagues, when J. Edward Norcross, who had been the chief mover in the scheme for the greater institution, was congratulated on his achievement.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—P. A. Macdonald, former Public Utilities Commissioner of Manitoba, is claiming \$40,000 from the provincial government for alleged wrongful dismissal. A petition of right filed by Mr. Macdonald will be heard to-morrow by Mr. Justice Donovan. The right of the legislature to dismiss is denied by the petitioner, who claims he was appointed for life.

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A SOUND ECONOMIC CONDITION

IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR bankers, the railway presidents and other industrial leaders that all is well with Canada. The Financial Post of Toronto sees considerable practical value. "This well-known journal naturally does not believe in hot-house business; but thinks the psychological effect of such efforts to encourage industry offsets adverse influences."

The Post does not close its editorial eyes to certain factors in Canada which may tend to slow down business in some respects. But it sees in steady days on the stock markets the bright prospect of easier money. "On the whole," our contemporary proceeds, "the corrective factors in the rather violent readjustment that we have experienced are of great importance, and over a period of time, should prove of great value in maintaining business stability." It will be remembered, of course, that while a year ago Canadian bankers tempered their optimism with a note of caution to the public to keep "one foot on the shore," they are now much more optimistic and contend that the long-term advance of Canadian prosperity will continue despite the present set-back in speculation.

It is natural perhaps that our financial authorities became unpopular with some people when they criticized the inflation of security prices. But to-day there are many who wish they had been more cautious. In the light of experience, therefore, the optimism which prevails in high financial circles is entitled to a special measure of public confidence. The Post concludes its survey of the present economic state of Canada with this pregnant paragraph: "The fundamental business situation, as it is likely to be reflected in business over a term of two or three years in Canada, is sounder to-day than it was before the crash in security prices."

THE GENUINE RADICALS

THE WORD "RADICAL," AS WE USE it in this country, has been a word to frighten children. It represents everything that we distrust: uncouth and bewhiskered men, dangerous dreamers, long-haired meddlers who would tear down our institutions and launch us on uncharted and dangerous seas of experiment.

As it happens, though, we do not really understand the word. If we did, we might realize that our greatest radicals are not Socialists or Communists, but wealthy, conservative industrialists. Rodney Dutcher recently pointed this fact out very clearly.

Washington heard two proposals looking toward the abolition of war the other day. One of them came from Bertrand Russell, famous British Socialist. Russell proposed that war be ended by control of essential raw materials. He would have such materials denied to all belligerents, thus crippling them so that war would be impossible. Russell admitted that his idea was somewhat visionary, and said it would take years of education and study before it could be tried.

The other anti-war proposal came from Edward N. Hurley of Chicago, the wealthy industrialist. Hurley's idea was the same as Russell's, except that it was more drastic. He pointed out that a dozen or more industrialists of three or four different nations, by their control of raw materials such as rubber, copper and the like, could end war overnight. He wants them to organize and get ready to do it. Unlike Russell, he does not think the plan is visionary. He does not think it will take "years of education and study." He thinks it can be put into effect at once, and he wants to see it done.

So we have the strange spectacle of a conservative and wealthy industrialist going far beyond a daring Socialist in proposing a remedy for the ills that beset modern society.

We need not be surprised, though. Actually our business leaders are our greatest radicals. They are changing the conditions of life with a speed to make the theorists blink. We do not notice it—so we call them conservatives.

Who ever proposed such a radical change in industrial procedure as Rockefeller put into effect? Who ever was half as radical about wages and prices as Henry Ford? What approach to international problems is as radical as the approach of some of our greatest bankers?

WHERE THE POWER LIES

HENRY FORD RECENTLY RAISED the wages of some 140,000 men and added something like \$20,000,000 a year to the payroll of his country; and in doing so he crowded President Hoover's address to Congress out of the leading position on the front pages of the newspapers.

This raised once more that highly interesting question: who are the real rulers of the neighboring republic, its elected officials, or its big industrialists?

The answer is rather obvious. Despite the fact that the President of the United States is one of the most powerful national rulers on earth, real power in the country is very largely in the hands of men like Ford. In a very pointed sense, these men are the controllers of the republic's destiny. This may be all for the best, or it may be rather tragic; but there does not seem to be anything our neighbor can do about it except put up with it.

Consider, for instance, the power that lies in the hands of Ford alone—reflecting, all the while, that he is only one among a number of industrial giants. Close to half a million people are directly affected by Ford's wage increase. Uncounted thousands more will be indirectly affected. The entire nation will feel the effects of the thing.

Conversely, when Ford shuts down his plants the effect is nation-wide. Detroit takes on a dull and life-

less air. Other cities find their prosperity hard hit. Industries that supply Ford with some of his materials are given a taste of hard times. The whole middle west feels the shut down very keenly.

What is true of Ford is true of the other giants. General Motors, U.S. Steel, General Electric, the great railroad trunk lines. The men who run these concerns have almost the power of life and death over hundreds of thousands of their fellow citizens. They can affect their lives more surely and directly than the United States government itself, except in time of war.

"Our real rulers are the great industrialists," one commentator says, "and we might as well admit it. The people of the republic apparently are recognizing the fact and are making the best of it."

DROPPING THE CAVE MAN

THE EASTERN GENTLEMAN WHO plunged into the Canadian wilds a couple of months ago to see how far a modern city dweller could get in the primitive cave-man role seems to have come out a poor second in his combat with nature.

He planned to go into the wilds naked and unarmed, to clothe and feed himself with his bare hands and with such tools as he could make in the forest.

First he compromised by wearing running pants and an athletic shirt. Then he compromised further by taking an axe. Then he compromised some more by appropriating a moose skin that some Indian had left lying about.

And now, footsore, blistered and underweight from hunger, he comes back to civilization. Two months were plenty. The wilderness, it would seem, is too much for the modern city dweller.

This man, undoubtedly, did as well as any of us could do. We have gone a long way from the period of individual self-sufficiency. Who among us could go out into the forest and find his own food, clothing and shelter? Very few. Most of us would either starve or freeze in short order.

This measure of our helplessness is a striking testimonial to the distance that mankind has advanced. It is not so many generations ago that no man could live if he could not fight, bare-handed, against Nature. Now if a man can tend a simple machine, get on and off a street car and find his way about a big city, he is amply fitted to survive.

Have we grown soft? Undoubtedly. But have we, in the softening process, really lost anything of value? Probably not. There is no reason for this easterner to feel ashamed of his failure in the wilderness. Indeed, the fact that he failed so ingloriously is really an item on the credit side of the ledger.

For life ought to be something more than a mere fight for existence. To be able to make a fire by rubbing two sticks together is, no doubt, quite an achievement; and, likewise, it is something to be able to catch a deer, eat his flesh and make a pair of breeches out of his hide. Yet the fact that we have become unable to do these things simply indicates that we have managed to get away from the heritage of the ape and tiger. We have taken quite a number of steps upward.

There is no need for us to bewail our helplessness. We ought, rather, to be proud of it. It is an indication that we are progressing.

HIS OWN MAN DID IT

WE DO NOT AGREE WITH MR. Pooley's contention that he is not in any way responsible for what a police magistrate does with regard to issuing licenses for carrying firearms. He is indirectly responsible; he appoints the magistrates, and it is within his province to dismiss them if their actions do not conform to the best interests of the public.

When the present government took office more than a year ago, Magistrate Pope was presiding over the police court at Penticton. He continued in that position until August of the present year, when his appointment was rescinded, and his successor was named.

Magistrate Guernsey—the present incumbent—was for some time secretary of the Conservative Association in Penticton and an active party worker for many years. So if Mr. Pooley is viewing with some concern the action of Mr. Guernsey, as he says he is, it should be because he is indirectly responsible for what that officer does.

NOTE AND COMMENT

If our teaching is clear and decisive, those whose views it condemns will be hurt.—The Bishop of Birmingham.

How delightful it is to get away from the tyranny of collars, waistcoats and braces.—G. N. Poynton (Nigeria).

Men don't always practice what they preach but it would be a good deal worse if some men preached what they practice.—Milverton Sun.

I claim to be descended from the Thane of Fife—Macduff, the gentleman who killed Macbeth.—Mr. G. B. Shaw.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

BRITISH INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS
Wicham Sleed in The Review of Reviews (London)

We are convinced that, given a spirit of co-operation between wage earners and industrialists, there are no limits to the improvement that can be made in our national position within a few years; and that the force of the example thus set will be felt throughout the world. Partly because of the unquestionable difficulties with which this country has been faced since the war, and partly because of our national habit of discussing these difficulties downheartedly, the impression has come to prevail abroad that England is but the shadow of her former self and is doomed to steady decline. This impression we believe to be wholly misleading. England is not on the "down grade." The worst is over, but the best is still to come.

A THOUGHT

But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.—Jeremiah xxxi 30.

He who has it in his power to commit sin, is less inclined to do so. The very idea of being able, weakens the desire.—Ovid.

Loose Ends

A column of profound speculation—on Mr. Williams' cartoon—the habits of our ballroom—the conditions of our soul—the place of our times in history—and all that sort of thing.

By H. B. W.

IN THIS paper the other night was one of those inimitable cartoons of Mr. Williams, which go under the title of "Out Our Way." It showed an old-fashioned party of forty years ago with two lines of oddly-dressed people on either side of the room, and a couple between them going through the steps of what I take to be the old Roger de Coverley, and all enjoying themselves into exhaustion. Inset in the cartoon was a picture of some modern couples dancing around a ballroom in that state of evident misery which you will find in every fashionable company. On this evidence Mr. Williams advanced the theory that "we had more fun in one evening than you do to-day in fifteen."

NOW THERE is a profound and moving thought for you. That cartoon opened up vistas of investigation which the historian will delight to explore a few hundred years from now. And what will the historian find? He will find Mr. Williams thinks, that the generation that has almost gone was a much happier generation than ours. Mr. Williams is probably right. May I am ready to go further and say that the present generation, considering conditions of life, is instinctively the unhappiest in the history of our race. But in our childlike worship of modern science, our pathetic confidence that we must be making great strides just because radio is so much better this year and we are traveling sixty miles an hour instead of thirty, thus blinded by our own brilliance, we do not admit our distress of soul even to ourselves. It takes someone like Mr. Williams with a homely picture of the past to make us realize just where we have been going.

ONE WOULD HAVE to live a hundred lives in a hundred distinct generations to gauge this matter accurately. The historian can record living conditions prevailing in ancient Athens, but he cannot say definitely whether the Athenians were happier than we are. We can only conclude that they were by their art, their literature and their drama, which seem to spring from a boundless enthusiasm for life. We cannot tell exactly how the people of the Middle Ages felt, for though they are pictured as dwelling in squalor and discomfort, yet their great cathedrals, their crusades and explorations speak of a tremendous faith and inward confidence which we don't know anything about. Unless we are very old we don't even know how the people of Victorian times felt about things either, but what old man is there to-day who would prefer these times to his own?

THE HISTORIAN will gauge our era some before us. He will search our literature, and in place of the pure joy of living which filled the literature of Elizabethan times, or the matchless beauty of the Romantic Revival, he will find that our best authors, in a cold, calculating sort of way, are devoting their talents to representing life as a brutal and terrible thing. The historian will search our modern art and find it painting life in forms of haunting and unclear ugliness. He will search our popular music and find it glorifying hideous and unwholesome sounds. He will examine our recreation and find that we make ourselves miserable in the incredible complications of bridge by night, or distress our souls by day because we cannot drive a little ball into a hole in four cracks instead of five. From every avenue of investigation the historian will only be able to conclude that we were a brain-sick, weary people.

THE WORST, however, is yet to come. I observe our young at play. Unless they have been illuminated by cock-tails in advance, they seem to carry upon their backs the weight of all our ancestral sins, which I suppose they do. Just as Mr. Williams has depicted them, they stalk about a ballroom as if they were celebrating a funeral rite, with slow and melancholy steps and looks of such heaviness of heart that you almost wish they had illuminated themselves so that they could be happy for one evening at least.

HAVING REVIEWED all these things, the historian perhaps will consider the vital point whether real happiness can survive real civilization, that is assuming that we are civilized, which is open to grave question. A good case already can be made out for the negative. It is one of the most evident features of our past that all peoples, on reaching a certain point of development, saw so much, lived so much, enjoyed so much that there appeared to be nothing left to do, and they lost interest in the business altogether. Precisely that happened in Rome sixteen centuries ago; and you can imagine the young Romans of that time, fattening on the toll of their rude ancestors, as we do now, going about Rome with that same look of utter satisfaction and despair which you will find on Government Street, on the faces of the well-to-do, every day.

OUT OF all this the historian may at last evolve a theory. Perhaps he will evolve the theory that a people so lately arrived from the caves and the glacier-ridden woods of Northern Europe has not evolved far enough to endure civilized existence. Perhaps he will conclude that we have plunged into the higher culture of fox-trots when we have not properly grown out of the era of aquas dances, as depicted by Mr. Williams; that we are like wild animals brought into the relative comforts of a zoo, which perish for lack of hardship. Perhaps he will find that having investigated and conquered

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every phase of life in this age we have never learned anything about living; or worse, that we have lost the knack for it, which our ancestors enjoyed, because they never bothered to investigate it. Meanwhile we may take comfort in the assurance that the historians will feel awfully sorry for us.

NEW POLLING PLAN PRAISED BY CITY

The new Hunter system of voting and combination ballot was praised from the City Council last night, as aldermen testified to their pleasure at the marked improvement in the conduct of the elections from the standpoint of both the public and the city. M. F. Hunter, City Clerk, shared the credit for the success of his system with deputies, who, he said, had helped greatly to ensure the success of the test of the new plan.

The Weather

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department

Victoria, Dec. 17—8 a.m.—The barometer has risen on the Coast and cloudy weather prevails over this Province. Abnormally low temperature is reported in Saskatchewan.

Reports
Victoria—Barometer, 30.53; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 30; wind, 3 miles E. rain, 16; weather, fair.
Vancouver—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 34; wind, 1 miles E. rain, 16; weather, cloudy.
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 28; wind, calm; weather, clear.
Eskaym—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles E.W.; rain, 56; weather, rain, foggy.
Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 39; wind, 4 miles N.W.; rain, 19; weather, foggy.
Seattle—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 38; wind, 3 miles S.E.; weather, clear.
Swift Current—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 34; wind, calm; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

| Temperature | Max. | Min. |
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| Victoria | 44 | 30 |
| Nanaimo | 40 | 28 |
| Vancouver | 46 | 34 |
| New Westminster | 39 | 28 |
| Kamloops | 34 | 18 |
| Prince George | 10 | -18 |
| Talbot | 38 | 28 |
| Penticton | 38 | 28 |
| Nelson | 34 | 18 |
| Swift Current | 50 | 34 |
| Calgary | 4 | -10 |
| Edmonton | 3 | -4 |
| St. Anthony | 3 | -3 |
| Regina | 3 | -3 |
| Winnipeg | 2 | -24 |
| Moose Jaw | 2 | -24 |
| Ottawa | 6 | -6 |
| Montreal | 12 | -6 |
| St. John | 12 | -6 |
| Halifax | 4 | -24 |
| Quebec | 4 | -24 |

Hunters To Be Banned By City

In an additional clause to be sought by the city from the Legislature at next session and included last night by the City Council in its application for a private bill, hunters and the public generally will be banned from the city watersheds at the discretion of the Water Commissioner, who will have the power to issue permits varying the rule. Without permits, all persons intruding on the grounds, save on public roads, would be deemed as trespassers, and prosecuted, if the city gets its way. Penalties for trespassing include fines ranging from five hundred dollars to fifty dollars, or imprisonment up to six months. Fear of fire and contamination of water sources were given as two reasons for the move. The council approved the application for the necessary legislative authority sought.



George F. Baker, multi-millionaire New York banker, earned his first money (\$7) selling cranberries he found beneath bushes other pickers had overlooked. To-day he is one of the five richest men.



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Langford

Mrs. Horace Simpson's juvenile class orchestra will render two pieces on the school concert programme on Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the school house. A play, dances, carols and recitations will also be given by the pupils. Gifts of sandwiches and cake will be greatly appreciated by the refreshment committee. Three pupils from Langford School, namely Pamela Bennett, Eileen Hincks and Allan Jackson wrote essays on the habits of noxious weeds and reason for their eradication for the government competition. Stanley Jackson also sent a collection of pressed weeds.

The many friends of Miss Katherine Goucher will regret to hear that she is a patient in the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

The Victoria Daily Times, December 17, 1904

New York, December 17 (Associated Press).—Nine persons, including two passengers, lost their lives early to-day in the burning of the steamer Glen Island, bound from New York to New Haven.

In view of the pending redistribution of the British navy and the contemplated reduction of the Esquimaut station a communication received from the Navy League headquarters in London by J. P. Macdonald, secretary of the local branch of that association, is of special interest. The Admiralty's reason for reducing such outposts as that of Esquimaut and the advantages of the proposed scheme are briefly but clearly dealt with.

Yesterday closing exercises were held in connection with the Victoria West, Kingston Street, Spring Ridge and North Ward Schools. The others all held informal exercises, entertaining those parents and friends who called, and dismissing classes at the regular hour and usual manner.

The announcement appearing in last evening's Times in a press dispatch from London to the effect that the Canadian Pacific Railway had ordered three high-speed steamships from the Fairfield Shipbuilding Company has a special interest to shipping men on this coast. It is believed that at least one of these vessels, if not more, are intended for service on the Pacific.

The directors of the Jubilee Hospital held a very brief meeting last evening. There were present R. S. Day, president; H. D. Heincken, A. Wilson, J. Braverman, P. T. James, Henry Rivers, Ald. William Humphrey and R. E. Brett.

Se. Amur arrived from Skagway last evening. She left the northern port last Sunday and, en route south, called at Ladysmith to discharge 200 tons of ore from Alaskan ports for the Tyee smelter.

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| Turkeys, No. 1, fresh killed, 10 to 12 lbs., per lb. | 34¢ |
| Turkeys, No. 1, fresh killed, 12 to 14 lbs., per lb. | 37¢ |
| Turkeys, No. 1, fresh killed, over 14 lbs., per lb. | 39¢ |
| Geese, No. 1, fresh killed, 8 to 15 lbs., per lb. | 29¢ |
| Ducks, No. 1, fresh killed, 4 to 6 lbs., per lb. | 33¢ |
| Island Turkeys, under 10 lbs., per lb. | 39¢ |
| Island Turkeys, 10 to 20 lbs., per lb. | 42¢ |
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| Milk-fed Chicken, 4 to 7 lbs., per lb. | 42¢ |

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| Swift's Premium Hams, shank half, per lb. | 37¢ |
| Sovereign Hams, 10-11 lbs., per lb. | 34¢ |
| Smoked Picnic Hams, per lb. | 21¢ |
| Smoked Cottage Roll, per lb. | 31¢ |
| Velvetea Cheese—it spreads. Per pkt. | 18¢ |
| Imported English Cheshire Cheese, per lb. at \$1.24 | |
| Libby's Mince meat, per lb. | 21¢ |
| Libby's Sauerkraut, 3 lbs. for \$1.24 | |
| Beck's Ontario Honey, per lb. | 16¢ |
| Sliced Jellied Corned Beef, per lb. | 29¢ |
| Sliced Jellied Lamb Tongues, per lb. | 55¢ |
| Sliced Jellied Ox Tongues, per lb. | 65¢ |
| Fresh Eggs, Pullet Extras, per doz. | 40¢ |
| Fresh Eggs, Extras, per doz. | 51¢ |

MEATS—AS OUT IN CASE

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| Oxford Sausage, per lb. | 13¢ |
| Mince Steak, per lb. | 17¢ |
| Lean Boneless Stew Beef, 2 lbs. for \$1.24 | |
| Blade Bone Roasts Beef, per lb. | 17¢ |
| Cross Rib Roasts Beef, per lb. | 19¢ |
| Round Steak, per lb. | 25¢ and 22¢ |
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| Loin Pork Chops, per lb. | 35¢ |
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Girls' Central Will Give Entertainment

The annual Christmas carol entertainment of the Girls' Central School will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. An exceptionally fine programme has been prepared, and the scholars have been rehearsing faithfully for some time. Friends and parents are invited to attend.

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KUMTUKS PLAN OWN CLUBROOMS

Business Women at Meeting
Last Night Decide on New Quarters

The Kumtuks Club at its meeting held in the Y.W.C.A. last evening made the momentous decision to acquire clubrooms of their own. Following a report given by Miss Shaw, for the finance committee, as to suitable rooms available on Langley street, her committee was empowered to make the necessary arrangements for the renting of the rooms.

A house committee to arrange for the furnishing of the new quarters will be appointed, with Mrs. E. Maynard as convener. It was decided to take the rooms from January 1, and the notice will be given to the members as to when the new quarters will be ready for occupation.

A suggestion was received from the Vancouver Business and Professional Women's Club that the Kumtuks Club share in the production of the main-land club's magazine, but it was decided, in view of the decision to acquire clubrooms, not to undertake any further responsibilities at the present time. Plans were made for the club's usual Christmas gift to the Protestant Orphans' Home and the Children's Aid Home.

ANNUAL MEETING
The next luncheon of the club will be held on Monday, December 23, at Spencer's instead of on December 30. The recently-formed Glee Club will provide a programme of Christmas carols, and it is hoped all teacher members of the organization will be able to attend. The evening business meeting will be held on January 13.

Plans were made for the annual meeting to be held on January 27. Miss Bowron, Miss Elsie Richardson and Miss Kate Brown were appointed a committee to receive nominations for officers for next year. Miss Blithe was welcomed back into the club membership. Miss Kate McLaren presided at the meeting.

SOLARIUM PLANS YULETIDE PARTY

Annual Entertainment and Christmas Tree Dec. 23; Gifts Received

The Solarium will hold its annual Christmas entertainment and distribution of gifts from the Christmas tree on Monday afternoon, December 23, when His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Mackenzie will probably be among the guests.

Arrangements for the party were made at the monthly meeting of the board of directors. Many generous gifts have already been received for the little inmates at Christmas, a large consignment of toys, fruit, jam and candles arriving at the rooms yesterday afternoon from the Allies Chapter, I.O.D.E. of Deep Cove.

The report for November showed a total of fifty-four patients during the month, with a total daily average of forty-five. The total number of days-treatment was 1,257. Total revenue for the month was \$1,648 as compared with \$2,346 for the same period last year. The increased per capita cost over last year (\$2.81 per diem this year, \$1.71 per diem in 1928) was accounted for largely by the allowance for depreciation and repairs made this year, this item having been ignored last year.

CORRECT POSTAL ADDRESS

Dr. C. Wace, medical superintendent at the Solarium, during the meeting issued a precaution against the use of the words "Mill Bay" in addressing parcels and mail to the Solarium. The correct postal address is Queen Alexandra Solarium, Malahat Beach, Cobble Hill. In the post office sense the only Mill Bay in the Province is on the Nass River, and numbers of parcels and letters intended for the Solarium, but directed to Mill Bay, were reported to months at the remote northern station awaiting claim.

Miss Stone, the matron, reported that three fire drills had been carried out during the month, with instant response on the part of patients and staff. Mrs. Gale reported the receipt of \$5 from the Sayward Women's Institute.

KINGSTON ST. SCHOOL WILL GIVE CANTATA

The pupils of the Kingston Street School will put on a Christmas cantata entitled, "A Joyous Christmas," on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the auditorium of Santa Park School.

PLEAD FOR POOR IN ESQUIMALT

Esquimalt Friendly Help Asks For Gifts For Hampers; Clothing Needed

The Esquimalt Friendly Help Society is faced with many calls at this season of the year owing to the prevalence of unemployment and much sickness among the poor and needy of the municipality. The society is appealing to all generous friends for gifts of clothing and cash, as well as provisions, fruit, toys and similar articles suitable for inclusion in the Christmas hampers which are to be packed this week for distribution.

The most imperative need is for warm clothing, many poor families being greatly in need, both for children and adults, and gifts of clothing would gladly be called for on application to telephones No. 7880 or 6004R1, or may be left at Scott's Grocery, Esquimalt Road.

Personal Items

Mrs. Rod McKenzie of Winnipeg is visiting in Victoria as the guest of Mrs. Mathew Perry, Wilmut Place.

Mrs. E. J. Matthews of Tacoma came over to Victoria yesterday to spend a few days here.

Mrs. R. P. Rithet, Humboldt Street, left yesterday for Seattle to spend a few days there.

Mrs. Lionel Huntington of Cowichan is visiting her mother, Mrs. Powell Roberts, in Vancouver for a few days.

Mrs. John Clapham, entertained at the tea hour on Saturday afternoon at her suite in Hampton Court in honor of Dr. E. J. Piercy and Mrs. Piercy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hill returned to their home in Esquimalt Road yesterday afternoon after spending the week-end in Vancouver as the guests of Mrs. Frank Harrison.

Miss Anne Michaelis returned to her home on McClure Street yesterday afternoon after spending the last ten days in Seattle visiting her sister, Miss Lillian Michaelis.

Mrs. R. Buchanan, of Vancouver, has been spending her home on the mainland after spending the week-end in Victoria as the guest of her mother, Mrs. Lorne Campbell, St. Charles Street.

Mr. J. W. Jones, speaker of the Legislature, and Mrs. Jones have arrived from the Okanagan and will take up residence here for the next few months. They have taken an apartment in the Willington, McClure Street.

A. H. J. M. Adams, who has been spending the last two weeks in Victoria as the guest of Mrs. Lorne Campbell, St. Charles Street, is now the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Hermann Robertson, Olive Drive, Oak Bay.

Mrs. Sutherland-Brown entertained this afternoon at her home at Work Point Barracks with two tables of bridge, complimentary to Mrs. C. R. H. Taylor, who with her husband, Lieutenant Commander Taylor, will leave next month for England.

Their many friends in Victoria will be pleased to learn of the birth of a daughter at the Jubilee Hospital yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon M. Campbell of Port Alberni. Mrs. Campbell was formerly Miss Grace Marie Curran of Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spouse, 887 Humboldt Street, entertained the engagement of their daughter, Catherine (Katie) to Mr. Gerald E. St. Louis, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. St. Louis of Stanwood, Washington, U.S. The wedding will take place at the Church of Our Lord, Humboldt Street, at 10 o'clock on December 25.

A group of Victoria College friends, along with others, paid Miss Lyla McCaw a surprise visit in her home on Saturday evening. After several tables of bridge, the invited guests spent the remainder of the evening in dancing and music. Refreshments were served early so that the party might adjourn to some of their colleagues leaving on the midnight boat for their homes in Vancouver.

Hon. N. S. Loughheed, Minister of Public Works, left Vancouver Monday evening for Ottawa to continue the work of negotiation for the transfer of the Dominion railway lands from the Federal to the Provincial Government. Hon. P. J. Burden and various deputy department heads will probably join him at Ottawa in the final stages of drafting the concurrent legislation to be presented to the Federal and Provincial Parliaments.

Miss Margaret Taylor entertained on Saturday evening at a bridge shower at her home at 134 Moss Street, in honor of Miss Olive Taylor, who is shortly to be married to Mr. Norman Holland. The invited guests included Miss Olive Taylor, Mrs. D. E. Taylor, Mrs. Woodway, Mrs. H. K. Prior, Mrs. Woodway, Mrs. G. Dyson, Misses Mrs. Murie, Marjorie Brown, Thelma Schroeder, Evelyn Smith, Madeleine Priestley, Grace Keir and Rose Halsey.

CHRISTMAS PLAY AT HIGH SCHOOL THIS AFTERNOON

Yuletide Programme Beautifully Presented at Closing Exercises

"Why the Chimes Rang," a Christmas play of long ago, staged in the interior of a woodchopper's hut at the edge of a forest, was beautifully presented at the Victoria High School this afternoon at the first performance of the annual closing entertainment.

Owing to the sacred nature of the little play, the audience refrained from applause by special request, but the close attention with which the programme was followed by the very large gathering of students and friends was eloquent testimony to the high standard of the performance of the young players. The entertainment will be repeated to-morrow afternoon.

THE CAST
As the curtain went up, revealing the simple interior of the hut, the Christmas waits were heard in the distance, gradually getting nearer. The part of the "waits" was played by the school choir, under the direction of Frederick Waddington. "Holy Night," "The Son of Mary," "Good King Wenceslas," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," and "Adeste Fideles" were the

The senior pupils of Mrs. Ruby Moore, 3249 Quadra Street, gave their Christmas play, "The Chimes Rang," evening. Those on the programme were as follows: Violin, Bessie Relf, Margaret Hemberrow, Jack Moore, Stella Simmonds, Harold George; piano, Marjorie Murray; Miss J. Crane; Olive Kelly; Johanna Fisher, Lars Larsen. These were assisted by four pupils from the junior class, namely, Gladys Keir, Lloyd Main, Betty Llewellyn and George Little.

Mrs. E. J. Matthews of Tacoma and Mrs. Detlor Holmes were joint hostesses this afternoon at a bridge party in the music room of the James Bay Hotel. The guests included Mrs. W. Gibson, Mrs. J. C. McIntosh, Mrs. M. C. Lawson, Mrs. J. S. Plackett, Mrs. G. Arbutnot, Mrs. J. Bolton, Mrs. G. D. Edwards, Mrs. P. Gilman, Mrs. E. Tremayne of Albert Head, Mrs. C. B. Charleswood, Mrs. Nelson Gibson, Mrs. E. Wilson, Mrs. Pooler, Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. A. B. Wolfenden, Mrs. J. E. A. Acland, Mrs. H. H. Shandley, Mrs. Austin Leigh, Mrs. W. H. Squire, Mrs. R. Wilby, Mrs. W. H. P. Walker, Mrs. C. M. Roberts, Mrs. Farn, Mrs. C. R. Scharr and Mrs. K. R. Streetfield.

Mrs. E. C. Hayward entertained yesterday afternoon at a delightful tea in honor of the members of the Lady Douglas Chapter, I.O.D.E. and was assisted at the tea hour by Mrs. R. B. McMillan and Mrs. J. B. Plackett, who presided at the table. Holly and red candles in silver sconces formed the table decorations. Among those present were Mrs. McMillan, regent of the chapter, Mrs. J. S. Plackett, Mrs. C. Cummins, Mrs. J. H. McMillan, Mrs. T. H. Brown, Mrs. C. T. Teasdale, Mrs. Jones, Miss E. King, Miss Moore, Miss Hill, Miss J. C. McIntosh, Mrs. Barrowclough, Mrs. Colquhoun, Mrs. Charles Gardiner, Mrs. C. Edwards, Mrs. Pat Simmet, Mrs. Harold Grant, Mrs. C. Gibson, Mrs. W. Goepel and Mrs. Manning.

The most successful dance of the season was held in the ballroom of the Hotel Vancouver last evening under the auspices of the Ward Four Sanic School Club. Great interest and keen competition was displayed throughout the evening's programme, which included many novel features, and was much appreciated by the capacity attendance. The following were the lucky numbers in the turkey draw: First, 1285, Martin; second, 1108, C. Cummins; third, 1267, D. Griffin; fourth, 127, W. Fye. A splendid orchestra, the excellent condition of the floor, the dainty refreshments provided by a committee consisting of Mesdames Griffin, L. Rufford and Messrs. Ferrie, Griffin, Moir, and efficient services of W. J. Lynn as M.C., all contributed to the success of the evening.

To-morrow evening a hundred or more members of the recently formed China-Japan Association will dance at the Crystal Garden under the auspices of the Ward Four Sanic School Club. Great interest and keen competition was displayed throughout the evening's programme, which included many novel features, and was much appreciated by the capacity attendance. The following were the lucky numbers in the turkey draw: First, 1285, Martin; second, 1108, C. Cummins; third, 1267, D. Griffin; fourth, 127, W. Fye. A splendid orchestra, the excellent condition of the floor, the dainty refreshments provided by a committee consisting of Mesdames Griffin, L. Rufford and Messrs. Ferrie, Griffin, Moir, and efficient services of W. J. Lynn as M.C., all contributed to the success of the evening.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at St. John's Church Monday evening when Rev. Canon F. A. P. Chadwick united in marriage Ruby Gertrude, youngest daughter of Mrs. A. R. Poole and the late Walter Poole of 251 Government Street, and Mr. Samuel Benson of Vancouver, B.C. The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, A. Poole, was becomingly attired in a three-piece orchestra, and carried a bouquet of mauve chrysanthemums. The bride was attended by the sister and the groom was supported by the bride's sister, Miss Gertrude. After the ceremony the bride and groom returned to the home of the bride's mother, where a reception was held. During the evening music was supplied by a three-piece orchestra, comprised of Mrs. V. White, Miss Buckley and Miss K. Brown, while Mrs. P. Peterson of Hongkong rendered several delightful songs. The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents. The bride and groom left on the midnight boat for Vancouver, where they will make their future home.

carols sung, with Sidney White, baritone, singing the solo "Nazareth." The cast of the play was impressively large. The cast included: Holger, William Ostler; Steen, Geoffrey Page; Bertel, Arthur Chapman; Old Woman, Pauline Woodward; Priest, John Moore; Altar Boy, Fred Welch; Rich Man, Alan McGregor; Courtier, Walter Sturt; Rich Man's Wife, Helen Hickman; Sage, Henry Marston; Young Girl, Clare Green; King, Gordon Thorpe; Angel, Edna Dilworth.

INCIDENTAL MUSIC

The incidental music to the play included an organ solo by Miss Moore and two choral numbers, "The Sleep of the Child Jesus" (P. A. Gevaert) and an "Eight-fold Alleluia" (P. Lee Thornton), sung by Anne Bapty, Anna Clarke, Miss Edwards, Margaret Horne, Lovisa Jansen, Marjorie Margison, Ottilie Miller, Helen Ockenden, Thora Petch and Eleanor Trotter, soprano; Winnie Hartley, Helen Mitchell, Helen Schwengers and Lillian Walker, alto; James Petch, tenor; R. Chave, Wm. Orchard, J. Leeming and A. Hood, bass.

The success of the performance reflected great credit upon the young players and singers, upon Mr. Waddington, the musical director, and upon Miss Dorothy Morton, the accompanist, and the following energetic committee: Director, Miss Ella Cameron; business manager, Mr. H. Deane, assisted by Roy Lund; costumes, Deane Cameron and Owen Addison; stage, Mr. Hardie, Alex. Manning, W. Harrison; electrician, Roland Hawley; scenery, Allan Edwards, Helen Peden, Elmer Oard; music committee, Roy Gibbs and Kathleen Baker.

Chapter to Meet—The monthly meeting of the St. Matthew's Epiphany Chapter, I.O.D.E. will be held on Friday evening at 8 o'clock at headquarters, Union Bank Building.

MURRAY GIBBON TELLS OF ORIGIN C.P.R. FESTIVAL

Speaks at Gathering of Local Authors at Home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cameron

People Ridiculed Ideas at Start and Stressed Many Apparent Difficulties

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cameron, "Rose-boro," made the home last night a place of interest to the Victoria and Islands Branch, Canadian Authors' Association, last evening at the December meeting, which proved of unique interest since the guest of honor was Mr. J. Murray Gibbon, chief of the C.P.R. publicity department, and founder of the Canadian Authors' Association, who met and addressed the Victoria and Islands branch for the first time.

ORIGIN OF FESTIVALS

Mr. Gibbon, who is in Victoria in connection with the Yuletide Festival shortly to be celebrated at the Empress Hotel and Crystal Garden, spoke upon the rise and development of the festival idea throughout Canada. Only two and half years have elapsed since the first festival, the origin of which Mr. Gibbon humorously compared to Lamb's Essay on Roast Pig, since the burning of the wing of the Chateau Frontenac, and its subsequent restoration and reopening to the public had made the question of some form of entertainment vital to the occasion.

"Naturally and fittingly the charm and lure of Quebec crept in, and Mr. Gibbon chose to celebrate with a revival of old French folk songs selecting Charles Marchand as their chief interpreter. The healthy opposition which generally meets all great enterprises was not lacking in this venture, and Mr. Gibbon was ridiculed, and the difficulty of making the songs and music understood was stressed on all sides, he said.

Nothing daunted, he translated into singable and simple words the old songs, losing nothing of their original charm in the process, and a phenomenal was the success of this venture that large parties from Montreal and Toronto were disappointed in arriving to find all available seats filled, and it was with some difficulty that they were accommodated.

"Here was what seemed the beginning of a basis of understanding between the Anglo-Canadians and French-Canadians, living side by side. Here was an opportunity of a better understanding of the latter by the former, in these traditional folk songs full of beauty, rhythmic melody, and interest, with art and reflecting the 'occupational' life of the people," said Mr. Gibbon.

NEW CANADIANS' CONTRIBUTION
Among Canada's most hardy immigrants were the Gaelic-speaking Highlanders and Hebrideans and the thought of a Scottish festival with songs, dance and pipes amid lovely surroundings at Banff was arranged, "which would make Scots realize that here in Canada were people who were sympathetic to what they had in the way of an art contribution to give their country." About 10,000 people were attracted to Banff, and again this year the success was repeated.

The New Canadian Festival at Winnipeg was also strongly opposed, with the argument that these peoples should become "Canadianized," and made to forget that they were racially anything else. But converts were rapidly won to the cause, when the folk dances, fiddlework, handicrafts and other art forms of the eighteen national groups represented were made known.

The sympathy and understanding engendered by this festival caused the premiers of Saskatchewan and of Alberta to ask for similar festivals to be given at Regina and Calgary. The Calgary festival will take place in March, Vancouver was given last year a Sea Musical Festival when the old sea songs were given for the first time, and the English Musical Festival in Toronto last month. The relationship between the festival idea and literature, Mr. Gibbon said, lay in the writing of lyrics for the ballad opera, citing that of Louigny de Montigny for which Dr. Healey William had written music in 1890, incorporating sea chantees of French Canadians who came to this country 300 years ago. Miss Leacock's "Order of the Good Time," and Captain Ramsay's Indian Nativity play, which, with music by Dr. Healey William, will be heard here next week.

Mr. Gibbon's address, which was warmly applauded, was followed by a most interesting account by Major

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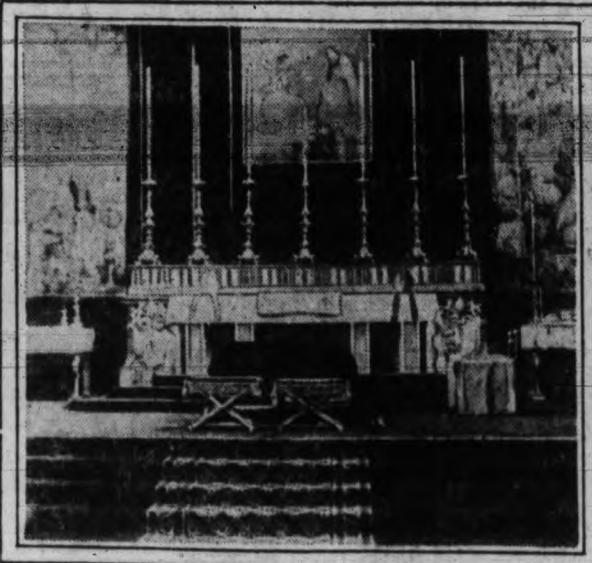
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by MARY MEYER ELDRED



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"Now don't do that," says his mother crossly. "You've got to take that cereal, young man, so don't try to spit it out."

Poor baby, he hadn't the least intention of spitting it out. He just didn't know what to do with it. Mother, with all the air of a young woman rolling up her sleeves and getting down to hard work, takes another big spoonful and approaches the baby. He throws himself back, he twists this way and that. He holds his mouth closed. He has begun to have

an increasing doubt whether this is such a very nice thing after all.

Perhaps I need not add any more to this picture. Carried to its logical conclusion we find that giving the baby cereal develops into a daily battle between mother and baby, with baby gloriously victorious. While mother can hold his nose and push the cereal into his mouth by every tactic of which she is capable, she can't make him keep it down.

GO EASY WITH THE FIRST SPOONFUL

It would be so much better for all concerned if we approached these initial feedings with some idea of what baby faces. A new food. One that doesn't taste like anything he has ever had before. A thick food, when he has been used to a liquid one. Food by spoon, when he has been taking it heretofore through a bottle. He can't be expected just at first to accept all these innovations without some trouble.

It would be better to be sure first

of all that that first tiny spoonful is just as appetizing as mother can make it. That the cereal is fine and smooth and thin, quite free from lumps or thick particles. Then if a tiny bit is placed on a spoon and the spoon put rather far back in the mouth—baby can press his tongue down on it hard, without its coming out of his mouth. If he does this a few times and swallows, it'll go down.

He should be sitting up when he is fed. Eating, while lying on the back, is a difficult job for anyone. Then if that first spoonful goes on the bib instead of down baby's throat, it would be better if Mother laughed heartily and took it all as a good joke. That bright and laughing face of his mother will give baby the idea, better than any words she can utter, that this business of eating from a spoon is going to be rather good fun. She'll have to keep up that impression until he learns how to eat instead of suck his food, if she is going to be successful in her desire to teach baby the joy and benefit of new foods.

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YOUR CHILDREN
BY OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

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I wonder how many of us realize that children live in a world of grow-ups? Our houses and furniture are

built for grown-ups—great towering objects high above little heads, small necks forever stretching up to see, and little bodies climbing up to get on top of things?

In everything else, almost, except books and to a very small extent, music, they are continually climbing up, mentally and spiritually trying to understand things meant for older people. Movies have been produced for grown-ups, the theatre is for grown-ups, orchestras and concert masters have never seriously considered children as an audience.

AUDIENCE OF CHILDREN In one day recently, however, I received three notices. Perhaps you may

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Teams Enter Important Phase of English Football Cup Series

THE SPORTS MIRROR

There appears to be some feeling among Vancouver boxing fans that Al Foreman, dapper little Jew from Montreal, who was the Canadian lightweight title, in his bout last Friday night with Billy Townsend. A number of them have openly expressed their opinions, and one has written a letter to the editor of one of the Vancouver papers. It follows:

"I wish to protest strongly against the decision in the Townsend-Foreman fight, Friday night.

"In my judgment Foreman outboxed Townsend in ten out of the twelve rounds.

"I wonder how many of your readers agree with me? Townsend was a good fighter, and if he boxed as well as he fought, or if he had science to follow up his aggressiveness, he would have won the match in the second round. Townsend, however, fought all the way for thirty-six minutes, and will be able to penetrate the champion's guard deeply enough for a knockout. I understand that the decision of the judges was not unanimous, and that one of them considered the match a draw."

This makes a number of local fans and promoters smile as in the past Vancouver fighters, their managers and especially one Mainland sport writer, have claimed victory. Fighters get a bad name when the home-owners go against their own boys.

In the fight on the same card between Jumbo Davis of Victoria, and Johnny McDonald, the fans booed the verdict which gave the fight to McDonald. They figured the Victoria boy was at least entitled to a draw.

Foreman, who is a quiet and reserved sort of chap, had little to say following the fight but here are his sentiments in a few words: "I don't figure Townsend's match, if any, was sufficient to take the title away from me. I was alone. I'm not complaining. I'm just stating the facts. I guess the officials acted as they saw it, but the home town sentiment does away some minds. You can't get away from that, can you?"

The other day Joe Vachon, manager of Max Schilling, German heavyweight contender, arrived back in the United States with the surprising news that Max was willing to fight anyone. Max will sail for America this month and will be in Atlantic City, January 2, to begin training for a fight on Washington's birthday. Johnny Risko might prove a good opponent for Schilling.

It is true that Max stopped him but whether or not he could do it again remains an interesting question. Risko has been going great lately and the way he stopped Jimmy Maloney, Cleveland was sensational. Tuffy Griffiths might give Schilling a fair fight. While Paul Smith or Otto Von Parat could provide him with plenty of opposition in the opinion of many.

Gene Tunney shocked a little group of boxing writers with whom he chatted following his return from Europe the other day. It was his opinion, he stated, that Tommy Louhran doesn't fully understand the finer points of boxing, and that he is a defensive fighter. Gene was somewhat of a defensive fighter himself. Tunney's plan of battle nearly always could be explained by two words: "counter punch." That was his best offense and defense.

Among the heavyweight wrestling contenders, there is a man who has posted \$10,000 which he offers to anyone and everyone that he can take all the world's champions in the middle of next week. This man's name is John Peck and he has just recently landed in the United States after a six-months' wrestling tour of Australia where he didn't lose a fall. The good impression about this Mr. Peck is his huge neck, size eighteen. He is a mild-appearing man of thirty-four years. He isn't particularly handsome. He weighs only 235 pounds, but he is the most powerful and dejected wrestler the game and growl game has known in many years.

Mr. Peck has just signed Peck to meet Gus Sonnenberg or Dick Sullivan who are regarded more or less as the two outstanding champions. Sonnenberg is in convincing service of his state athletic commission he was champion, while Sonnenberg has convinced a lot of folks he can take Sonnenberg. There are many, however, who demand conclusive proof that Peck is a better grappler than Peck. As a youth Peck was a kick. He determined to build up his health and body by wrestling. He was an amateur wrestling partner of Champion Joe Stecher. By several little publicity stunts Peck impressed the public by his great strength. In one of them he permitted a large automobile in which were five passengers to drive across his chest and stomach. Other stunts he was doing with such playful fellow as full grown bears, his Nebraska farm and carrying a full load of hay on his broad back.

Monthly Medalists To Play in Special Contest on Sunday

Winding up the monthly medal competitions for the 1929 season, winners of the different contests throughout the year will meet in a special competition next Sunday at the Uplands Golf Club. Full handicaps will be allowed and no entry fee will be charged.

Bolton Wanderers, Cup-holders, Drawn Against Birmingham

Will Have to Fight to Remain in Running; Sheffield United-Leicester City Should Be Another Good Match; The Wednesday to Meet Burnley; Corinthians, Crack Amateur Club, Drawn Against Millwall; Complete Draw Issued.

London, Dec. 17.—With the minor clubs practically out of the way, the English Football Association cup competition entered its important phase yesterday when the draw for the third round was made and given out. The first and second division teams and the Corinthians, the noted amateur club, come in at this stage of the fight.

Fair Play, Sire Of Man o' War, Dies Yesterday

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 17.—Fair Play, sire of Man o' War and one of the greatest of thoroughbred sires, died at Joseph E. Widener's Elmendorf Farm, near here yesterday. Infirmities and old age are understood to have been the cause.

SIX WORK-OUTS BILLED FOR REP RUGBY FIFTEEN

Squad Will Be Put in Shape With Practices Every Other Day After Saturday

Scottish and Bays to Clash in Final Games This Week in Both Divisions

With a practice billed for virtually every other day following the scheduled senior league fixture Saturday, Victoria's McKeehan Club rugby team should be in fine shape for their game against Varsity here on January 4.

At the meeting of the Victoria Rugby Union last night, the practice schedule was set as follows: Sunday morning, 10:30 o'clock at the Willows oval; Tuesday, December 24, High School gymnasium; Thursday, December 26, High School gymnasium; Saturday, December 28, Willows; Monday, December 30, High School gymnasium; and Thursday, January 2, High School gymnasium.

During the practices the coach will try out his own ideas and the players to decide whether a forward or back will take the place left by Brian Hunning.

When the crucial game comes, the players should be in fine shape and should be able to put up a good battle against the highly organized Varsity squad.

GAME SATURDAY

This Saturday the Bays and Canadian Scottish seniors will clash in the final game of the first half to see which fifteen will hold the championship of the initial season.

When they meet earlier in the season the Scottish hammered out a 6-3 victory over the carmen in one of the tightest and hardest fought senior fixtures seen here for some time.

For the game this week the Bays will trot out their strongest team, while the Scots are expected to line up as they did for the previous encounter. The same organizations will be represented in the intermediate game to be played that day, when the Bays and Scottish clash in their postponed league fixture at Oak Bay Park.

Both games will start at 3:15 o'clock.

McDUFFER

By BARRIE PAYNE

ON EARLY IN THE BALL ISN'T THE RIGHT TIME TO SWING. EIGHT TIMES AND MISSED IT COMPLETELY EVERY TIME.

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT, MACK—I'VE TOLD YOU SWING AND THEN TELL THE BALL WHERE I'M SWINGING!

Miracles of Sport

By Robert Edgren



DR. J. B. LAMSON, CALIF. FOUND HIS BALL TROUSERS IN A REAL HAZARD WITH A SHANK COILED AROUND IT. HE NIBBLED DEAD TO THE PIN AND THEN KILLED THE SHANK.



ME MADE IT A GOOD ONE!

JOHN BRONCH ANDERSON FIGHT END. RAN 102 YARDS AGAINST DEAN ACADEMY FOR ANDERSON'S ONLY TOUCHDOWN. SCORE 7-0.

CAPTURED BY R. Edgren 12-11

Rangers to Tackle Americans in First Of Inter-city Games

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RAUL CRONSE, ST. LOUIS, MO. MADE 258 YARD HOLE IN ONE AND THE GAME DAY ON THE SAME HOLE PUT HIS DRIVE 2 INCHES FROM THE CUP! AUG. 25, 1929.



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Keen Rivals Will Resume Hostilities of Last Season at Madison Square Garden To-night; Rangers Should Win on Form; Inconsistent Toronto Team Will Meet Maroons; Boston and Ottawa to Clash; Important Changes May Result in Standings.

New York, Dec. 17.—If variety is the spice of hockey as well as of life, Toronto's Maple Leafs have done a thorough job of seasoning the National League season. The Leafs have ruined nearly every prediction made about them so far, winning when they were expected to lose, then dropping games to opponents rated as easy victims.

Picked as probable leaders of the international group, they now are in fourth place with but nine points scored in thirteen games.

To-night they meet the third place Montreal Maroons and the issue is very much in doubt. Montreal has been winning consistently enough to tally thirteen points, falling just one behind second place. They have not met this season, but Montreal has lost two games to the New York Rangers, the only team Toronto has beaten twice.

Where the Maroon-Toronto contest is expected to provide the big surprise of to-night's schedule, the battles at Boston and New York are considered more important. Boston's champion Bruins clash with the Ottawa Senators, who dropped out of the international group last Saturday. It is their second meeting within a week. Boston getting a 3-2 decision in the first.

FIRST INTER-CITY CLASH

At New York the Rangers and Americans clash in the first of their intra-city struggles. So far the Americans have been playing doormat for the other teams while the Rangers have been knocking down the American group leaders. But the standings have no bearing on the fraternal strife. A year ago when they were about as far ahead, they came out even in four games with a victory apiece and two ties.

The fourth of to-night's games sends Les Canadiens of Montreal, leaders of the international group, to Pittsburgh to meet the lowly Pirates. In their last encounter, the Flying Frenchmen romped off with a 9-3 triumph but they are prepared for a stiffer struggle.

As usual when several games are scheduled, there are many possibilities of changes in the standings. Canadiens can do no worse than drop back into a tie with Ottawa for the international group top, but a victory for the Maroons combined with an Ottawa defeat would reverse second and third places. The American group standing can not be changed as the Rangers are three points behind the idle Chicago Black Hawks, who hold second place.

Players of the section leading Boston Bruins and most prominent among the leaders of the American division Norman Gainer, left winger, leads on points and "Cooney" Weiland, one of Gainer's partners on Boston's attacking line, is in a tie for second place with Frankie Boucher and Bill Cook, scoring aces of the New York Rangers, while "Dit" Clapper, third member of the Bruin trio, leads all scorers in the section with 14 goals.

Shires Offered \$5,000 to Fight Former Wrestler

Kansas City, Dec. 17.—Promoter Cate Kaufman yesterday offered Art Shires, Chicago White Sox first baseman, \$5,000 for a bout here with Nick Lutze, formerly of Notre Dame. Lutze has been performing as a wrestler but has announced his intention of changing to boxing.

Amateur Goaltender May Join Pirates

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 17.—Andrew Spooner, goaltender, and a graduate from local banks, has left for Pittsburgh to talk terms with the Pirates' management of the National Hockey League. Spooner played with Port Arthur juniors in the finals with Owen Sound at Toronto in 1927.

Sonnenberg Wins Over Former Champ

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 17.—Gus Sonnenberg, holder of the world's heavyweight wrestling championship, retained his title here last night before 6,000 fans by defeating Ed "Strangler" Lewis, former grappling king, in two straight falls.

FOXY PHANN

A marriage license costs but \$2, but many guys say it isn't worth it.

WIFE CRACKS

MY HUSBAND SAYS I'M FOR THE PAPERS, BUT I NEVER LET HIM GET A WORD IN EDGEWAYS.

SMART CHAPEA

HORSE RACING

New Orleans, Dec. 17.—Results of horse racing here yesterday follow:

First race.—Six furlongs: Master Samover, \$6. \$3.60, \$2.80; M'P. \$5. \$3.40; Donau, \$5. Time, 1:15 3-5.

Second race.—Six furlongs: King Halma, \$5. \$3.60, \$2.80; Jeb, \$5. \$3.40; Stormy Port, \$2.80. Time, 1:14 1-5.

Third race.—Six furlongs: Double Heart, \$4. \$2.40, \$2.20; \$2.40; \$2.40; \$2.40; War Instigator, \$4. Time, 1:15 2-5.

Fourth race.—Mile and seventy yards: Corbeau, \$6. \$3.60, \$2.80; Longous, \$5. \$3.40; Earl of Warwick, \$2.40. Time, 1:44 3-5.

Fifth race.—Mile and one-eighth: Play B, \$12. \$5.80, \$3.80; Marlboro, \$6. \$4. Redcliffe, \$3. Time, 1:33 1-5.

Sixth race.—Mile and one-eighth: Sport Dress, \$4.40, \$2.60; \$2.60; \$2.60; \$2.60; Quercy Quail, \$4. Time, 1:47 4-5.

Seventh race.—Mile and one-eighth: Revereion, \$4.40, \$2.60, \$2.40; Fire Opal, \$4. \$3. Counselor Connelly, \$3.40. Time, 1:56 2-5.

Groh May Manage Springfield Club

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 17.—Heinie Groh, former New York Giant infielder, has offered his name for consideration as manager of the Springfield club of the Three-I League next year.

Fragments Cup Won By Victoria Eleven

City School Representatives Defeat Oak Bay Team 2-1 in Final Yesterday

Lawson Nets Winning Goal; Rain and Sloppy Field Spoils Hard-fought Game

Kenny Lawson's splendid goal three minutes after the start of the second half, gave Victoria a 2-1 victory over Oak Bay in the final of the Fragments Cup school soccer series played yesterday afternoon at Oak Bay Park.

The match, played in a steady downpour of rain, was a keenly fought one with neither of the teams being able to show up to their best owing to the terrible conditions they were forced to play under.

At the end of the match the cup was presented to Bridges, captain of the Victoria team by P. F. Curtis.

What would no doubt have been a splendid match was spoiled through the slippery condition of the grounds, the soggy condition of the ball after a few minutes of play and the fact that rain fell steadily throughout the entire match.

LAWSON WAS STAR

Besides scoring the winning goal Lawson, who was about the smallest player on the field, played a wonderful game. What he lacked in size he made up in energy. He was all over the field working like a little fox, both on the offensive and defensive. He is from Margaret Jenkins School.

This is the first time in four years that the Victoria representatives have won the trophy. Their last victory was when the Oaklands School team lifted the cup. Saanich won the cup last year.

Oak Bay kicked off and for the first few minutes were on the offensive but Victoria soon took up the attack and Stevens and O'Neil at centre forward and outside right, respectively, had open shots but drove wide of the goal.

A few minutes later Stevens worked his way into good shooting position but his stinging drive missed the goal completely. Oak Bay carried the play up the field and forced a corner but Victoria cleared down the field.

Taking a pass at outside right O'Neil had a good chance to score but the slippery ground put him off his shot. The youngsters were finding it hard to hold their feet and were slipping around in the mud.

Oak Bay went into a goal lead when Campbell at outside right beat Timothy with a high shot from close quarters. Victoria attacked from the kick-off and after hemming Oak Bay in their own half for ten minutes the score on Stevens' goal.

The Victoria centre forward drove the ball to the corner of the goal and although Stevens made a great effort to save the ball slipped past his hands.

THE WINNING GOAL

The second half had just got under way when Lawson drove home the winning counter. During a combined attack by the Victoria forwards, Carmichael, left full-back for Oak Bay, Carmichael and Little Lawson rushed in to score. For the remainder of the

"Gabby" Hartnett's Ailing Arm Fails To Show Any Life

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Operations and treatments have failed to improve the condition of Leo (Gabby) Hartnett's ailing arm, and the Chicago Cubs are looking about for another catcher.

Hartnett has had two tonsil operations, and serums and light treatments have been used, but without results. Hartnett, however, has not yet given up hope and is continuing with powerful electric light treatments in an effort to bring his throwing arm back to life.

SHIRES MEETS HIS "WATERLOO"

Handed Decisive Licking By Giant George Traffon Before 5,000 Fans

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Napoleon met his Wellington. Arthur "The Great" Shires has met his "Big Bear."

Flushed and self-admittedly great because of his unofficial one-round victories over his erstwhile White Sox manager, Russell Blackburn, and his twenty-second knockout over Dangerous Dan Daly of Cleveland in his professional ring debut a week ago, the "Great" Shires tackled George Traffon, the "Big Bear" of professional football, last night and got the beating of his life.

Before a howling throng of 5,000 spectators, Traffon met and decisively conquered the loquacious punch slinger White Sox first baseman. Packing thunderous blows behind his 200 pounds, he battered Shires to the floor three times and won the decision by a wide margin after five rounds of toe to toe mulling.

Minor League Hockey Results

London, Ont., Dec. 17.—London Panthers defeated Niagara Falls Cataracts by the score of 5-3 in an International Professional Hockey League game staged here last night.

Trail, Dec. 17.—Trail Smoke-eaters, hockey champions of British Columbia, opened their season in an exhibition game with Blairmore, Alta. here last night. The game ended 1-1.

Kansas City, Dec. 17.—Tulsa and Kansas City are tied for the American Hockey Association lead as the six clubs face off for eight games before Christmas.

St. Louis is the opponent of both leaders this week, playing each twice. Kansas City in St. Louis to-night and Wednesday, and Tulsa in St. Louis Friday and Sunday. Last year's champions will have had more than a week of rest when the high scoring St. Louis club invades its palace. Games this week:

Tuesday—Kansas City at St. Louis; Minneapolis at St. Paul.

Wednesday—Kansas City at St. Louis; Duluth at Minneapolis.

Shires Wants Big Salary Increase

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Charles Arthur (the Great) Shires wants \$25,000 to play first base for the White Sox next summer—or else—Shires, whose contract last year called for \$8,500, declares the American League will lose its greatest first baseman.

Bowling

Fred Young took individual game and aggregate honors with scores of 266 and 678 respectively in the Pivvin fixture his team, the Jokers, won in three straight from the Elks at the Arcade Alley last night.

In the Commercial League, Poodie and Joe took the odd game from the Royal Arcanum. A Theobald of the cafetm scored 565 and 262 to take aggregate and individual game honors respectively.

SCORES FOLLOW:

Jokers

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| A. Porter | 233 | 147 | 182 | 562 |
| A. Harness | 205 | 186 | 182 | 573 |
| L. Colton | 136 | 227 | 174 | 537 |
| F. Young | 246 | 216 | 216 | 678 |
| P. Salloway | 201 | 147 | 182 | 530 |
| Totals | 1015 | 923 | 919 | 2857 |

Elks

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| D. Croston | 178 | 156 | 148 | 482 |
| J. Oddy | 169 | 138 | 129 | 436 |
| R. Lott | 119 | 108 | 161 | 488 |
| H. Edwards | 149 | 135 | 170 | 454 |
| H. Paik | 187 | 190 | 197 | 574 |
| Totals | 800 | 727 | 705 | 2332 |

Poodie Dog Cafe

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| A. Manson | 172 | 138 | 193 | 503 |
| H. Beer | 153 | 165 | 134 | 452 |
| W. Clayton | 160 | 185 | 146 | 491 |
| G. Wilkinson | 170 | 157 | 127 | 454 |
| A. Theobald | 197 | 202 | 176 | 575 |
| Totals | 832 | 842 | 708 | 2382 |

Royal Arcanum

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| Logie | 159 | 140 | 161 | 460 |
| Humberstone | 158 | 160 | 146 | 464 |
| S. Stuart | 147 | 153 | 159 | 459 |
| D. Spence | 146 | 146 | 121 | 413 |
| Le Lachur | 146 | 146 | 121 | 413 |
| S. Wells | 173 | 163 | 190 | 526 |
| Totals | 783 | 778 | 788 | 2349 |

Hogan Is First Giant to Sign

New York, Dec. 17.—Francis Hogan gets the honor of being the first New York Giant to sign a contract for 1930.

The big catcher affixed his signature on the dotted line yesterday.

NORMA TALMADGE

In Her Greatest Picture

"The Woman Disputed"

COMEDY NEWS

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Next Monday

AT THE THEATRES**MYSTERY THRILLER
WITH L. BARRYMORE
AT THE DOMINION**

Stage tricks of Keller, Hermann, and other famous magicians, and lesser known tricks of the "spiritualistic mediums," whom the police are usually pursuing in large cities, were drawn upon to make mystery for the screen, in Lionel Barrymore's new production, "The Unholy Night," now at the Dominion Theatre, as an all-talking production.

In this Metro-Goldwyn-Mayers filmation of Ben Hecht's mystery story, a complete spiritualistic "seance" was filmed, with actual "mediums" recruited from the business, staging

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Where To Go To-night

THE SCREEN

Capital—Pauline Frederick in "Evidence."
 Columbia—Norma Talmadge in "The Woman Disputed."
 Dominion—Lionel Barrymore in "The Unholy Night."

THE STAGE

Coliseum—Raymond "Toby" Leitch and Company in "So This Is Alaska."
 Playhouse—Harry Willis and Company in Vaudeville and Stock.
 Crystal Garden—Swimming and Dancing.

materializations of ghosts, bell ringing and the rest of their illusions before the camera. Improvements in these illusions, through the adaptation of the famous "Kellar Blue Room," a famous mystery of the stage, and the Hermann ghost illusions, were injected to make one of the strangest scenes ever filmed in a motion picture. Barrymore, the director, during his days on the stage knew both Keller and Hermann well, and when he decided to stage a seance, at once thought of their celebrated illusions.

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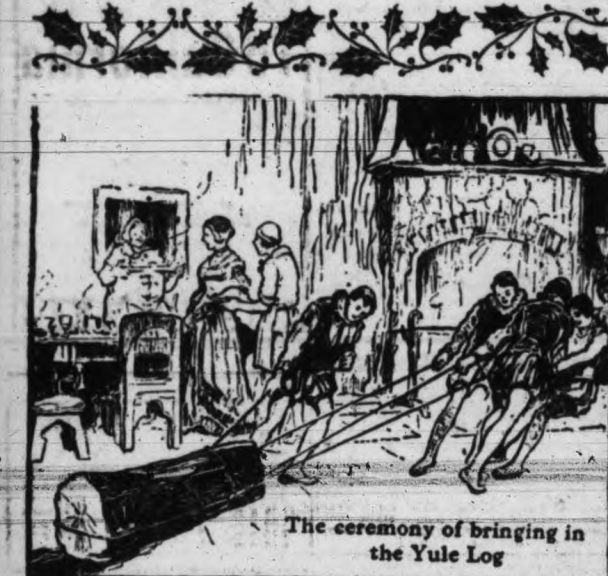
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Ballad Opera—"Christmas With Herrick"

A Devonshire Christmas Eve in the seventeenth century. Music by Henry Lawes and Harold Eustace Key. Libretto by J. Murray Gibbon.

The B.C. Morris Dancers

In English Morris, country and sword dances.

The Festival Quartette in Christmas Music

Mary Frances James, soprano; Mrs. W. W. Wood, contralto; Herbert Hewatson, tenor; Harold Eustace Key, baritone.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Indian Nativity Play

Libretto by Capt. Alexander Ramsay; music by Healey Willan.

Alfred Heather

Celebrated English tenor.

The B.C. Morris Dancers

The Festival Quartette in Christmas Music

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Dickens' Playlet, "Snowed In"

Introducing the traditional mummery of St. George and the Turkish Knight. Written by Napier Moore, editor of MacLean's Magazine.

The Graham Morgan Singers in Old English Music

Celebrated Sextette of Seattle.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

Ballad Opera, "Christmas With Herrick"**The B.C. Morris Dancers****The Festival Quartette**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

Indian Nativity Play**The B.C. Morris Dancers****Dickens' Play, "Snowed In"****Alfred Heather****The Festival Quartette**

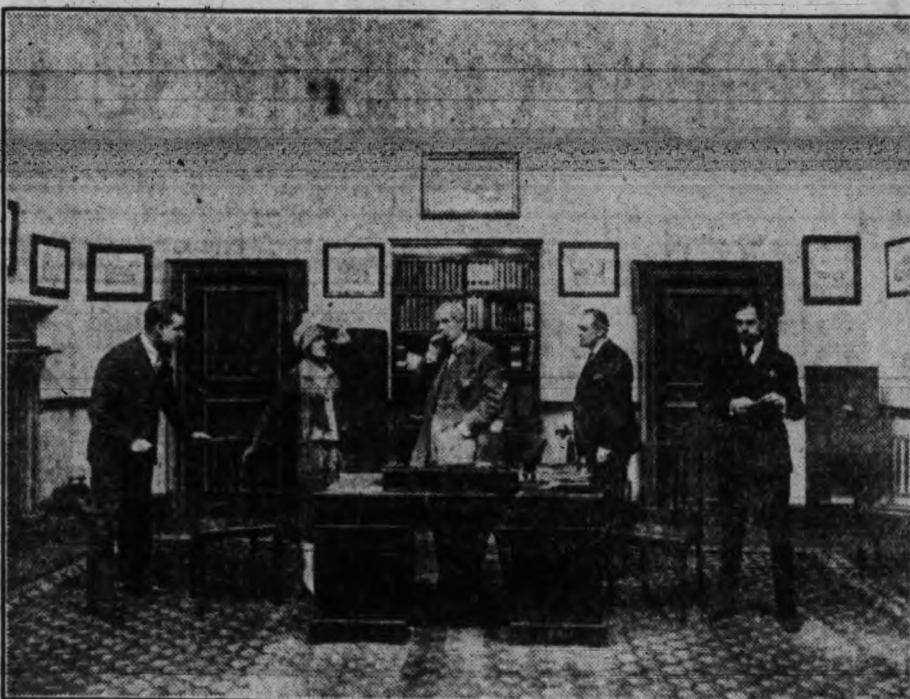
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Canadian Pacific**Crystal Garden****GRIPPING MYSTERY DRAMA WILL BE SEEN HERE SHORTLY**

A scene from the first act of Edgar Wallace's great mystery play, "The Ringer," which will open a four-day engagement here at the Royal Victoria Theatre commencing Christmas night.

**HARRY WILLIS IS
POPULAR ACTOR AT
PLAYHOUSE THEATRE**

In this week's stage presentation at the Playhouse, Harry C. Willis soon demonstrates that he is one of the most versatile entertainers ever to hit Victoria.

First one sees him in light comedy in the two people sketch, "A Pair of Lunatics," in which Peggy Willis ably assists him and later on in the bill he presents an act of singing, dancing, musical novelties and concludes with a ventriloquist act which is splendid. In this stunt his silent partner, Jerry, hands out a line of talk, recitation and yodeling that keeps the audience in laughter, and his telephone conversation with the girl is also fine.

George Bryden is also seen in a new single specialty act of singing and dancing which places him in high rank, particularly his rendition of "Chloe." "The Vortex," one of the best of the English productions in feature pictures, is also being shown on the screen in conjunction with the strong stage offering.

**LEITCH PLAYERS
WELL RECEIVED IN
DRAMA OF ALASKA**

A large first night house at the Coliseum Theatre last evening gave an enthusiastic reception to a four-act comedy-farce entitled "So This Is Alaska," superbly produced by the Coliseum stock players under the capable direction of Raymond "Toby" Leitch. There will be performances every evening commencing at 8 o'clock, while on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons there will be matinee shows. Judging by the flattering reception given the players last night, this week's offering is one of the most popular ever seen at the Coliseum, and before the week is out is destined to be voted one of the finest produced by the Leitch players since coming to Victoria several months ago.

Plenty of sparkling fun and humor runs through the play, the settings of the story being laid in far away Alaska, where for six months of the year there is very little light and absolutely no sun. The plot is an interesting one and at times becomes gripping, as a play laid in the great white wastes of the north cannot help but be intensely gripping at times. The players handle their roles well and all give fine performances in their respective roles. "Toby" Leitch, as usual, is the chief fun maker and provides plenty of hearty laughs for his audiences. "Toby" is a clever comedian and becomes more popular with each performance.

**YOUNG ITALIAN
PLAYS LEAD IN
COLUMBIA FILM**

Arnold Kent, who plays one of the chief roles in Norma Talmadge's "The Woman Disputed," at the Columbia Theatre, may sound English and look English, but in reality he is a member of a prominent Italian family. He was born and educated in Florence and after being graduated from college, started life as a civil engineer. Urged by friends to enter motion picture work, he won fame on the screen and stage abroad and attracted attention of United States producers. Within a period of two years he has become a popular actor in Hollywood. Next to Gilbert Roland, Kent plays the biggest supporting part in Miss Talmadge's current starring vehicle.

**PAULINE FREDERICK
SCORES SUCCESS AT
CAPITOL THEATRE**

Pauline Frederick's life has been a succession of dramatic triumphs, but never has she had a part which gives wider range for her emotional powers than that of Myra Stanhope in "Evidence," now at the Capitol Theatre. Miss Frederick's portrayal of the part is extremely moving and authentic.

Her support is superb, all members of the cast being experienced on both stage and screen, their training having been not only in pantomime but in the use of the voice. William Courtenay as the mistrustful husband is dignified and "So the manner born" Alec B. Francis, as the family butler, gives one of the best of his unforgettable performances. Myra Loy plays a Burma native girl with the perfection which can be imagined by those who remember her in "The Squall" and other pictures with similar characterizations.

**NEW MEASURES
IN BRITAIN COSTLY,
SAYS CHURCHILL**

London, Dec. 17 (By Canadian Press Staff Correspondent).—Addressing a Conservative gathering here yesterday, Right Hon. Winston Churchill, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, endorsed a prediction of Lord Melchett that "without steps to improve the outlook of British industry, the current tendency to increase taxation at the request of sentimental theorists will lead the country into bankruptcy."

Far from curing unemployment, every step the Government had taken tended to increase the number of able-bodied paupers, declared Mr. Churchill. The Laborites in the House of Commons, if they had their way, would transform the country into "one vast soup kitchen," he declared.

"There has not been a single constructive plan; there is absolute bankruptcy of ideas and utter failure of executive action," the ex-Chancellor declared.

TROOPS IN INDIA
He intended, he said, increasingly to direct attention to the grave impending event of removal of the British troops from Egypt to the desert area surrounding the Suez Canal.

"This would be disaster, not only to Egypt, but to Britain and the whole civilized communities of the world," he said.

"It is bound to lead ultimately to a serious shedding of blood. The same proposals which are cajoling us out of Egypt—sometimes subtle, sometimes violent, sometimes secret and sometimes open, but never ceasing—are at work in India, but on a far larger scale. Hence the discussions now proceeding are of immense significance to the Empire as a whole."

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF
Toronto, Dec. 17.—Two relief measures for unemployment relief were passed at yesterday's session of the

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EMULSION
CREAM OF COD LIVER OIL**

Toronto city council. One motion urged that various construction projects be undertaken immediately to give the unemployed temporary relief. The other authorized Mayor McBride to petition Premier King at Ottawa to seek ways and means toward unemployment relief.

Sooke

The first of a winter series of debates, held on Wednesday evening at the office of E. Thorup, was well attended. H. Helgeson was chairman and Mr. Thorup was secretary. Subjects discussed included the practicability of mining at great depths; the engineering problems attached to tunneling projects such as the Channel Tunnel between England and France; and the value of a Pound Law in Sooke District.

The secretary will obtain for distribution, lectures dealing with technical points. At the conclusion of the meeting, tea was served.

Mrs. W. Dicks has returned to Sunnyside after spending a few days in Victoria.

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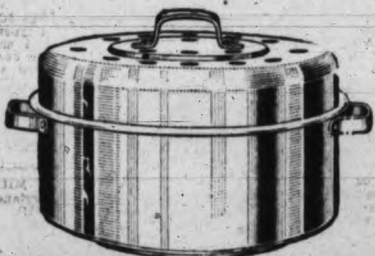
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Rayon Underwear
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which had its Canadian premiere last month at the English music festival at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

STUDIED WITH GENIUSES

Mr. Heather has studied with Signor Alessandro Romilly, Sir Charles Santley, Gustave Garcia and repertoire with Sir Henry Wood.

He has had a most extensive and varied experience in both grand and "light" opera, playing many leading roles with Sir Thomas Beecham's and the Quinlan companies.

His first appearance in light opera was as "Lancelot" in "La Poupée" at the Prince of Wales Theatre in London, and he also won recognition in Stanford's "Shamie O'Brien."

During his association with George Edwards, the noted London producer, Mr. Heather went to South Africa as stage manager of a light opera company and in that capacity produced for Mr. Edwards eight operas, including the famous musical comedies "San Toy," "Kitty Grey," "Floradora," "Gelsia," "The Runaway Girl" and "The Messenger Boy."

He spent five years in South Africa and during that time was appointed director of music at St. Saviour's Cathedral at Pietermaritzburg.

WESTMINSTER-ABBEY

He then returned to England to enjoy a holiday and was prevailed upon to accept the vacancy at Westminster Abbey of "Lay Vicar" (tenor soloist).

In 1920 Mr. Heather was asked to take part in the revival of "The Beggar's Opera" at the Lyric Theatre in London and after six months was sent across the Atlantic to reproduce the opera in New York. He stage-managed six tours of "The Beggar's Opera" across the United States and Canada and on his last tour produced Gay's "Polly," which is still remembered here.

Before going to Toronto last September to produce "Hugh, the Drover," Mr.

Heather produced two new plays at the Gaiety Theatre in Grove Street, Greenwich Village, New York, one of the plays being "The Noble Rogue," linked with the romantic era of the southern states during the period of 1812.

PRESS COMMENT

Speaking of Mr. Heather's association with the production of "Hugh, the Drover," The Music News of Chicago says: "If you have ever seen 'The Beggar's Opera' in its peregrinations of the last ten years in the United States you cannot fail to have noted the charmingly vacuous looking face and the amusing uncouthness of the capering of the man, who, always in that company, played one of the leads and who showed himself, always, a genuine."

"This man is Alfred Heather and he was specially engaged for the production of 'Hugh, the Drover'."

The New York Times of November 15 last says the following about Mr. Heather and the ballad opera, "Hugh, the Drover":

"This beautiful enactment of British life of a century ago impressed all critics here as a work more than worthy of one of England's greatest living composers and of the poet laureate, Harold Child."

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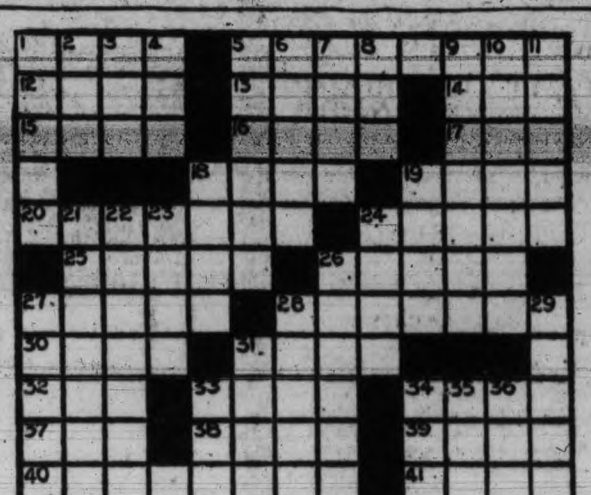
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- To quote.
- Monster.
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- Trinity.
- Part of fat.
- To concede.
- Pertaining to birds.
- One in cards.
- Flabby.
- Ball of thread.
- One in cards.
- To lash.
- Fodder vat.
- Always.
- Always.
- To walk through water.

VERTICAL

- Play.
- Rodent.
- Slice.
- Jewel.
- Purpose.
- Goodwill.
- Mud.
- Devoured.
- To enquire.
- To tell.
- Cupid.

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TUESDAY, DEC. 17

Irene Joyce Fennell, 848 Darwin Avenue, Victoria, B.C. (6).

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Little Swiss Boy Went On A Dangerous Trip.

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Reuter's Special To The Victoria Times

London, Dec. 17.—Which are the fourteen best-known children in literature? You can make out your list and see how far it tallies with the "Great Children in Literature," which Patrick Braybrooke has brought together in a book with this title (Alston Rivers).

What a wonderful Christmas party they would make, all these famous children that we have read of. Who are they? There is Alice, of course from "Wonderland," Little Lord Fauntleroy, Kim and Little Nell, Peter Pan, Oliver Twist, Eric and Tom Brown, the ideal boy. Here our story may fall. Mr. Braybrooke recalls to us Little Eva, from "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Humphrey Dunscombe, from a Victorian favorite "Misunderstood," and Lionel Vallancourt (the antithesis of "Peter Pan") from "The Mighty Atom."

London to Have Socialist Theatre With Sunday Plays

Reuter's Special To The Victoria Times

London, Dec. 17.—A Socialist theatre is to be established in London with the active support of both prominent politicians and theatrical celebrities.

The preliminary announcement bears the signatures of four Cabinet Ministers as well as of noted stage figures. This development has been initiated by the Independent Labor Party, and is to be known as "The Masses' Stage and Film Guild."

The first step towards the Socialist theatre will be the production of plays by professional casts in West End Theatres on Sunday nights.

The first play, to be produced early in the new year, will be Upton Sinclair's "Singing Gol-birds," which created a sensation in America and Europe.

LONDON CRITICS FAVOR NEW TALKING FILM

Reuter's Special To The Victoria Times

London, Dec. 17.—The critics express a favorable opinion, from different points of view, of the new talking film version of the Shakespearean play "The Taming of the Shrew."

But one critic remarks: "The first joint production of Miss Mary Pickford and Mr. Douglas Fairbanks, and the first talking version of Shakespeare, is a welter of noise. One emerges as tamed as Katherine herself. The settings of sixteenth century Italy are handsome and lavish, and if Miss Pickford's curls are not very correct they are very business ingenious, and the dialogue, by Mr. Shakespeare, gives great satisfaction. The curtailed text is pure, the only alterations being that we see the wedding and the bedroom scene, to which the 'sun and moon scene' has been transferred."

"The supporting cast, especially Mr. Edwin Maxwell, have pleasant English voices, but little to do. The two warring principals are at their best when silent, for there is little modulation or variety in their shouting. This is the picture's chief defect. For all that it is a robust entertainment, which sweet will himself might have enjoyed."

"A SLAP-STICK FARCE"

"The Taming of the Shrew" lends itself to slap-stick farce, and the film made for Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks proves what a good writer of film scenarios Shakespeare might have been. All that the play can only describe to us we see in the film. Hollywood has succeeded in making that taming a pretence. Petruchio is really duped. The spirit of Katherine's famous advice to wives is contradicted with an expressive wink. Thus, independent womanhood has been placated, for no modern woman would fall for her husband as her head and sovereign. If it is not Shakespeare it is modern, and brings the farce up-to-date. Mary Pickford's alterations between the fury of a vixen and the sweetness of a film star are clever but too marked, and her voice is hard and inexpressive. Douglas Fairbanks is an ideal Petruchio and the rest of the cast speak and act well. But there is precious little of Shakespeare's verse in the film. It is, however, good fun, and an exuberant entertainment."

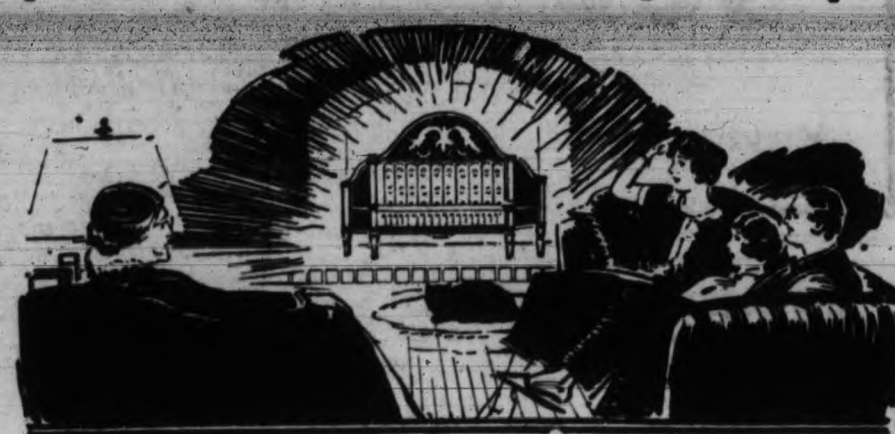
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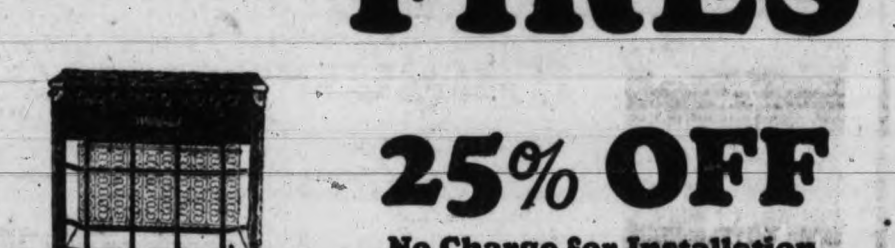
London, Dec. 17.—One of the most unusual of travel books, "Round the World on a Cycle," tells the story of a young globe trotter who started out at the age of twenty-two on a journey round the world, riding a pedal bicycle. His adventures and impressions in thirty countries and across five continents provide very good reading. He sees things and people with the fresh, unspooled eyes of youth, and the reader gets glimpses of the world from an unaccustomed angle.

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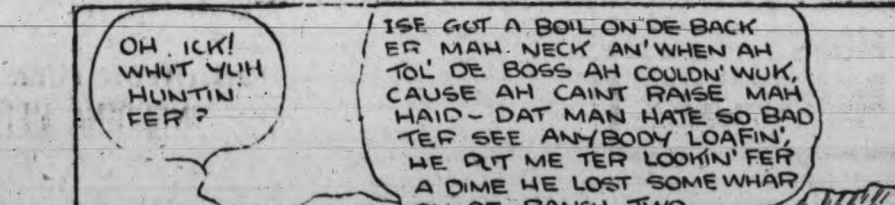
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NEWS IN BRIEF

The Ladies' Guild of St. Alban's will hold a court whist party to-morrow night at 8 o'clock.

When the liner Niagara arrives here on January 3 she will have on board J. W. Collins, New Zealand's first trade commissioner to Canada.

John Salisbury, an employee of the Parks and Boulevards Department of the city, will be retired on superannuation this month, the City Council decided last night, at the request of the Finance Committee.

The International Association of Machinists will hold a smoker-concert Thursday evening at the City Temple Hall, North Park Street, at 8 o'clock. During the evening officers for the coming year will be elected. A good attendance of members is expected.

An interclub practice debate between the Civil Servants Literary and Debating Society and the Effective Speaking Group of the Junior Chamber will take place at 8 o'clock this evening at the Commerce auditorium. Alderman H. O. Litchfield will take the chair. The meeting will be open to members of both organizations and their guests.

The Island Tug and Barge Company was awarded the garbage disposal contract for 1930, by the City Council last night. The price quoted, and now accepted by the city, was \$383 per month. One other bid was received, at \$448 per month. City refuse, under the contract, is to be towed and dumped at sea in such a manner that it will not return to local shores.

Action on a claim for possession of furniture and household effects on premises at Verdier Avenue, Saanich, opened in County Court to-day, between Joseph D. Virtue and the Royal Trust Company, as executors of the estate of the late J. A. Virtue, plaintiff, and Mrs. Lucy MacQueen of West Saanich, defendant. The claim is disputed. C. J. Prior appears for the plaintiffs, and O. J. Boulton for the defendant.

The regular meeting of the Tuberculosis Veterans' section of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., will be held at its clubrooms, 531 Baser Street, to-night at 8 o'clock. The executive members are asked to report at 7 o'clock. All members are asked to turn out for this date, as the delegates report of the Regina convention will be given. Election of officers for the coming year will also take place.

James Reid yesterday afternoon failed to convince Magistrate Jay in Esquimaux Police Court that, although found motoring with three Indians with four bottles of loganberry wine on his knees, he had been innocent of intent to supply the natives with liquor. He was sentenced to serve two months with hard labor. The native had obliged him by conveying him to and from the city, and had also obliged by lending him \$2, but were not to share the purchase, the accused testified.

The band of the 34th (B.C.) Coast Brigade, Canadian Artillery, under Bandmaster C. Baine, will give a series of concerts at the Coliseum Theatre on Sunday evenings, commencing at 8:45 o'clock. Sunday next, when a collection will be taken up, the band has reached a very high standard, and excellent programmes are promised. Details of which will be published later.

The Christmas story will be told in an attractive little play, "The Road to Bethlehem," to be presented in the Memorial Hall on Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, and again on Monday, December 23, the hour of 4:30 has been chosen because a number of small children take part in the performance. The young players have been trained by Mrs. A. R. Merrick, who has adapted for local presentation a recent work on Margaret Cropper, author of "A Mirror for Souls," "The Caravan," etc. The play may be regarded as an act of worship, and as such, will be open and free to all. A collection will be taken for expenses.

Members of the Pro Patria Branch of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., are advised to file the names of their children who wish to attend the annual Christmas tree party without delay. The regular weekly dance of the branch will be held to-morrow night in the auditorium commencing at 8:30 o'clock. On Friday the weekly whist drive will be held. The next general meeting is slated for January 14, when nominations for executive positions will be accepted. The annual dinner of the branch will be held on January 10 at the Chamber of Commerce, commencing at 7:15 o'clock. New Year's Day has been set aside for a monster dance in the auditorium of the club-rooms.

OFFER AID TO SAANICH FOLK NEEDING HELP

Names of needy families are being compiled by the Saanich Police in preparation for the annual Christmas food and clothing distribution organized by the force. Children will receive boots and stockings, elderly people in need will be given fuel and the police department will give hamper of groceries to families in distress. The funds for the annual distribution are derived from the remarkably successful police balls held annually at the Saanich Agricultural Hall, the disbursements being under the supervision of the Police Commission. Chief Allan Rankin has appealed to the residents of Saanich to provide the department with the names and addresses of families seriously in need of aid, experience having shown that such cases are rarely willing to lay their distress before bodies competent to remedy matters.

The success of the function was due to the energetic work of Gyros Harry Savage, Walter Fletcher, and Stan Moore.

NEW COMPANY FORMED TO RUN FRONDEG FARM

Special to The Times
Duncan, Dec. 17.—Frondeg Farm at Cobble Hill, has been acquired and will be operated by Heather Bank Estates Limited, a newly-incorporated company. The authorized capital is \$100,000.

Eagles Past State President to Speak To Victoria Aerie



EDGAR BIGELOW

past state president of the Washington and British Columbia Eagles, will pay an official visit to the Victoria Aerie No. 12, F.O.E., to-morrow.

On his arrival on the Seattle boat, he will be met by a reception committee including President J. E. Marsh, Vice-president C. H. Lester, and Bro. Siedelbaum, C. Smith (chaplain), G. Lapp and J. Dupen.

Along with his party, which includes several officials of the Grand Aerie, he will be taken on a sight-seeing trip around the city. This meeting will commence at 7 o'clock. Following the business session a programme of musical selections and other features will be presented under the direction of Past President C. Jasper.

HENRY HARRIS DIED TO-DAY

Former Proprietor of Old Clarence Hotel Resided Here 45 Years

Henry Harris, a resident of Victoria for forty-five years and well-known as a hotel proprietor, died to-day, and early part of this century, passed away this morning at the Jubilee Hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Harris was born in London, England, seventy years ago, and came to Victoria when a young man. He was for many years proprietor of the old Clarence Hotel, on the site of the present Bank of Nova Scotia building at the corner of Douglas and Yates Streets, and was well-known to travellers all up and down the Pacific Coast. He was a member of the K. of P., the A.O.F. and the Eagles.

He is survived by his widow at the family residence, 3167 Yates Street; one son, Clarence, in Raymond, Wash.; one daughter, Mrs. James F. Grant, and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be held from the Sands Funeral Chapel on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Ross Bay Cemetery.

GYROS HAVE FUN AT HAPPY PARTY

Annual Christmas Function at Empress Hotel Proves Very Enjoyable

Members of the Gyro Club and their wives and lady friends enjoyed their annual Christmas party at the Empress Hotel last night. Over 100 sat down to dinner at 7:15 o'clock, and after some interesting entertainment, danced from 9 o'clock until midnight.

Harry Dawson, president of the club, presided and called for the introduction of all in attendance. This was followed by the introduction by Frank Burton, vice-president, of Thomas R. Bowden, a new member.

The Gyros were in an entertaining mood and decided to have the whole Boys' Parliament as their guests at the Empress Hotel on December 30, when Premier Irvine Dawson, of Victoria, will speak.

B. C. Nicholas spoke in a humorous vein on the lighter side of Gyro activities and caused peals of laughter from the diners. He also took occasion to congratulate the Gyros on the real work they had done in the community, especially in the recent "Use-your-vote" campaign.

Miss Dorothy Hartree sang two songs in her usual delightful way and was presented with a bouquet at the close by Mrs. Harry Dawson.

The Empress Hotel orchestra played popular numbers for the dancing and the "medleys" under the direction of Gyro Harry Holder, always a feature of this club's functions, were vigorously encouraged.

COL. HIAM TELLS KIWANIS CLUB OF LEAGUE WORK

Reviews Great Achievements of Great Geneva Peace Organization

League of Nations Now Held in High Regard By National Leaders

Declaring that officers of the branch of the League of Nations Society had stated that the Victoria branch was the strongest in Canada, Col. T. A. Hiam, personal representative in British Columbia of Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, this afternoon discussed the League of Nations before the Kiwanis Club at the Empress Hotel. He showed the League to be a business organization, operating with a closely studied budget of about \$3,000,000 annually, in which all nations would take their share.

The League on many occasions has firmly refused to be dictated to, even threats of retirement from membership by Brazil, Spain and other nations being ineffective in influence, the League feeling strongly enough to withstand pressure of all forms.

WORK UNAPPRECIATED

Col. Hiam said the League had not been accorded credit earned by public service in important issues. He cited the dispute between Italy and Greece, which was settled by the intervention of the League. Armed conflict between Paraguay and Bolivia had also been terminated by recourse to mediation by the League, and transatlantic telephonic conversations between Geneva and Buenos Ayres, costing \$25,000 in one afternoon, had been a factor in the successful suppression of the South American trouble.

Col. Hiam referred to the fallacy of the United States policy of isolation, happenings in Europe were of no importance to North America, citing the Great War as an example of the vast outcome of a small outbreak of war. The recent incident between Bulgaria and Greece was cited as an example of League activity, the two nations being induced to keep their forces three miles within the boundary while Swedish officials were assigned by the League, patrolled the six-mile corridor.

Col. Hiam told of revised systems of European telegraphic communication organized by the League to attain speedy service. This would be supported by erection of a powerful wireless station and operation of a fleet of fast aeroplanes, specially marked to indicate League business.

HACKING WITH CASH

The standing of the League was so high to-day that nations accorded its approval had been able to raise over \$200,000,000 for specific purposes. "The money would be used solely for the purposes stated in the loan prospectuses, Hungary and Austria had especially benefited by this financial League business."

The influence of the League in the industrial affairs of Europe was instanced by reference to the difficulty created when Poland's boundary was extended to include the head workings of the East German coalfields. In such locations the coal was in German territory, but the pitheads in Poland. The market for the coal was in Germany. The League was called in to solve the problem. A fifteen-year agreement was devised, and was working well, a provision for arbitration of disputes not having been invoked after several years of operation.

Health matters were keenly studied by the League, Col. Hiam stated. Offices being maintained in the Far East for study of plague and similar epidemics.

Regular sessions of the League, held three or four times yearly at Geneva, gave opportunity for national leaders to meet and associate.

SEALS SELL WELL

Donald MacLure reported that sale of tubercular seal had been very successful to date with many envelopes not yet accounted for. He appealed to the citizens of Victoria to return undesired seals forthwith, to permit closure of the campaign.

OBITUARY

Funeral services will be held at the Thomson Funeral Home to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock for the late Mrs. Alice Cruikshank of 1055 Mason Street who passed away last evening. Dr. W. G. Wilson will officiate, and interment will be in Ross Bay Cemetery.

Mrs. Ann Lyle, wife of David Lyle of East Saanich Road, passed away yesterday, aged forty-seven years and eleven months. She was born in Cheshire, England. The remains are resting at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel, from where the funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, proceeding to St. Stephen's Church, Mount Newton Crossroad, where service will be conducted by Rev. J. S. A. Bastin at 11 o'clock. Interment will take place in St. Stephen's churchyard.

The funeral of the late Thomas Gurney Randall took place this morning at 10:30 o'clock from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Parlors. Rev. Canon A. deR. Runne officiated and many friends attended the service. The casket and hearse were covered with flowers. The pallbearers were E. G. Randall, M. G. Randall, H. Heisterman, T. W. Bingley, W. E. Speed and F. K. Kerley. Interment took place at the Royal Oak Burial Park.

The funeral of the late Charles McDowell took place from the family residence, 238 Edward Street, Victoria, West, at 9:15 o'clock this morning and proceeded to St. Andrew's Cathedral, where Rev. Father Woods conducted mass. Many friends attended the service. A. Mendham, W. Merryweather, R. T. Williams, J. J. Randall, R. Chalkley and H. Shaw officiated as pallbearers. Interment was in Ross Bay Cemetery.

The remains of Arthur Walter were shipped from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Parlors this morning for interment at Salt Spring Island.

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TO-DAY'S GRAIN MARKETS

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Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Wheat: The wheat market displayed a very firm tone today and prices were higher throughout, following the opening which was lower. Trade volume was not large, but offerings were on the small side, and it was not difficult to force prices higher, especially when Chicago was showing strength.

There was some reaction on profit-taking by long, but the declines were recovered, and altogether there appeared to be a better sentiment and more friendly feeling toward the market. Outside trade was very small, it being practically all local in character.

The strength in Buenos Ayres had considerable to do with the strength in our markets. Argentine weather is reported clear, with a few heavy showers in some areas. Thrashing yields are still reported as disappointing.

The local cash market was again very slow and no one appeared anxious for anything. Terminals were taking the odd cars as they came out. There were a few sales of No. 1 northern and No. 3 northern made overnight by direct exporters to the United Kingdom, but generally speaking export business continues very slow. Millers were doing nothing and reported flour demand as very slow. All spreads were about unchanged.

Coarse grains: There was considerable speculative buying of barley and a good business in cash oats with Eastern Canada stocks now in the east. Rye followed the trend of wheat. There was a fair inquiry for oats, but the grades wanted are not obtainable locally. The strength in wheat was helping the coarse grains.

Flax: Market was also sharply higher, based largely on Argentine news and markets. Locally, the market was not active and the demand was very ordinary.

| Wheat— | Open | High | Low | Close |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Mar. | 146-4 | 147-1 | 146-6 | 147 |
| July | 142-4 | 143-1 | 142-4 | 142-1/2 |
| Oct. | 138-4 | 139-1 | 138-4 | 138-1/2 |
| Barley— | | | | |
| Mar. | 62-1/2 | 63-1/2 | 62-1/2 | 63-1/2 |
| July | 58-1/2 | 59-1/2 | 58-1/2 | 59-1/2 |
| Oct. | 54-1/2 | 55-1/2 | 54-1/2 | 55-1/2 |
| Rye— | | | | |
| Mar. | 98-1/2 | 99-1/2 | 98-1/2 | 99-1/2 |
| July | 94-1/2 | 95-1/2 | 94-1/2 | 95-1/2 |
| Oct. | 90-1/2 | 91-1/2 | 90-1/2 | 91-1/2 |
| Oats— | | | | |
| Mar. | 34-1/2 | 35-1/2 | 34-1/2 | 35-1/2 |
| July | 30-1/2 | 31-1/2 | 30-1/2 | 31-1/2 |
| Oct. | 26-1/2 | 27-1/2 | 26-1/2 | 27-1/2 |

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Chicago, Dec. 17.—Wheat: The market displayed continued strength today after an earlier start. Commission house buying was active, Argentine news was a little comforting to the trade, the sharp advance at Buenos Ayres being partly due to lower exchange due to the Argentine government prohibiting gold exports. However, the crop news from South America was generally disappointing, threatening returns virtually confirming sensational claims of damage made before harvest.

In some sections the wheat was poor. Australian reports also indicate threatening reports disappointing, leaving it doubtful whether that country would have 50,000,000 bushels for export. China has taken the equivalent of about 450,000 bushels wheat in flour recently from the Pacific Coast.

Southwest reports indicate that the country run of wheat is about over again and primary receipts were much smaller. Buenos Ayres was 2 1/2 up at one time, but quotations will be continuing as given in prices per hundred bushels for the week and the total compared to a year ago was about 63,000,000 bushels more.

Three months wheat total compared to a year ago was much larger. From present indications the southern hemisphere competition will be even smaller than expected, current estimates indicating 120,000,000 bushels total crop for Argentina and much of this inferior wheat.

The logic of the situation is that our export situation will improve from now on with the farm board lending its influence to maintain prices at or above the loan level fixed, the situation to us looks more favorable. On the setbacks think conditions warrant purchases.

Corn: Prices averaged somewhat higher in sympathy with wheat and on unfavorable weather over the belt. Primary receipts to-day were not much over what they were a year ago. Colder weather is indicated but at present country marketings are reported light, with numerous sections reporting disappointing yields. We see prospects for a two-sided market and favor the buying side on the dips.

Oats: Were firmer with other grains. Cash demand fair. Rye: Sharply higher. Shorts offered light.

| Wheat— | Open | High | Low | Close |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Mar. | 137-4 | 138-1 | 137-1 | 137-1/2 |
| July | 133-4 | 134-1 | 133-1 | 133-1/2 |
| Oct. | 129-4 | 130-1 | 129-1 | 129-1/2 |
| Corn— | | | | |
| Mar. | 94-1/2 | 95-1/2 | 94-1/2 | 95-1/2 |
| July | 90-1/2 | 91-1/2 | 90-1/2 | 91-1/2 |
| Oct. | 86-1/2 | 87-1/2 | 86-1/2 | 87-1/2 |
| Rye— | | | | |
| Mar. | 97-1/2 | 98-1/2 | 97-1/2 | 98-1/2 |
| July | 93-1/2 | 94-1/2 | 93-1/2 | 94-1/2 |
| Oct. | 89-1/2 | 90-1/2 | 89-1/2 | 90-1/2 |

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|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Mar. | 127-4 | 128-1 | 127-1 | 127-1/2 |
| July | 123-4 | 124-1 | 123-1 | 123-1/2 |
| Oct. | 119-4 | 120-1 | 119-1 | 119-1/2 |
| Corn— | | | | |
| Mar. | 92-1/2 | 93-1/2 | 92-1/2 | 93-1/2 |
| July | 88-1/2 | 89-1/2 | 88-1/2 | 89-1/2 |
| Oct. | 84-1/2 | 85-1/2 | 84-1/2 | 85-1/2 |

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| Mar. | 127-4 | 128-1 | 127-1 | 127-1/2 |
| July | 123-4 | 124-1 | 123-1 | 123-1/2 |
| Oct. | 119-4 | 120-1 | 119-1 | 119-1/2 |
| Corn— | | | | |
| Mar. | 92-1/2 | 93-1/2 | 92-1/2 | 93-1/2 |
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LATEST REPORTS FROM GRAIN PITS

(By Branson, Brown & Co. Limited)

Chicago, Dec. 17.—With wheat prices down to or below the level at the Federal Farm Board is willing to make loans, that is \$1.18 in Chicago and \$1.25 in Minneapolis, there is a disposition on the part of traders to go down on the short side. The Chicago Tribune asserts to-day:

"It goes on to say that with the shortage that has so far been estimated in the southern hemisphere's wheat crop, it would seem apparent that foreign consumers must come to North America for wheat supplies on a large scale in the near future, says J. E. Bennett. After the first of the year, some enlargement of flour demand is looked for."

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The Journal of Commerce says that the Washington statement to the effect that the Federal Farm Board is determined that the price of wheat shall go up and that unutilized funds will be made available for farmers, prompted some active buying.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—"I think this market has made a main bottom at 138 1/2, and is a purchase on all breaks," Downey said to-day. "Liquidation is over and the market lacks leadership due to the bulls having had to take such a licking. But as soon as they regain confidence, we should do much better. Try to avoid the bulls when buying, as after such a break the bulls always meet plenty of selling. Things are quiet in the pit with trade mostly local."

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Weather forecast to-day says: Manitoba and Saskatchewan, mostly fair and very cold to-day and Wednesday. Eastern Canada, north to east winds, partly cloudy and continued cold to-day and Wednesday, with some light snow.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Wheat stocks on passage is now 27,000,000 bushels. "This is a mighty dangerous position to be in, but Europe does not seem to worry," said a source to comment. "I think 30,000,000 to 35,000,000 bushels is the deadline. I have seen Europe eat more than 27,000,000 bushels in a week, and it follows we have only a week's supply on passage."

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| Oct. | 138-4 | 139-1 | 138-4 | 138-1/2 |
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Vancouver Stock Exchange

(By Branson, Brown & Co. Limited)

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—Stocks continued dull here to-day with liquidation continuing on the part of tired holders, picking up here and there a little cash for issues which they had bought at much higher prices.

Some of the oils were particularly weak, because of the indications that the west side of the structure is not as good as had been anticipated. Stobie, Forling announced that reports from N. M. Atkinson, mine superintendent of the Lorne Gold Mines, to-day indicated that the sub-level being driven from the new raise, has tapped the King Vein and has exposed six feet of ribbon quartz. The prospect will be continued a short distance into the footwall of the vein. The new level is 150 feet above the floor of the adit level.

Bollway, Mills announce that mining operations on Oregon Copper have been halted, according to reliable information reaching here. A programme of deep drilling from the 700-foot level has been undertaken in the Balm Creek tunnel. The first hole is reported to have cut the vein.

(By H. E. Hunnings & Co. Limited)

| High | Low | Close |
|-------------------|--------|--------|
| Big Missouri | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
| Bayview | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
| British Columbia | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
| Canada Copper | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
| Canadian Pacific | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
| Canadian Northern | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
| Canadian Western | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
| Canadian National | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
| Canadian Imperial | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
| Canadian Bank | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |

(By H. E. Hunnings & Co. Limited)

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| Abitibi | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
| Abitibi Power | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
| Abitibi Paper | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
| Abitibi Lumber | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
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| Abitibi Iron | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
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| Abitibi Glass | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
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| Abitibi Glass | 22 1/2 | 22 |

WALL STREET TODAY

New York, Dec. 17 (B.C. Bond)—Another flat market to-day, but whereas yesterday afternoon was featured by general reaction, there was less strength displayed this afternoon.

AVERAGE UP TO-DATE
At the close the Dow Jones average of thirty industrials stood at 249.58, up 3.70 points for the day, and for twenty years at 749.11, up 0.06 points.

In contrast with yesterday, what activity there was to-day was on the "side," led by U.S. Steel and Radio.

MORE TAX SELLING

Tax selling continued in some degree.

In general there was little real substance to the market, and it was almost wholly professional.

TURN BUYERS AS MARKET FLATTENS

Because volume was so small, the street did not consider Monday's decline was due to forced liquidation, and perhaps for this reason among others, traders were ready to take the buying side to-day, when the market absolutely flattened out.

Weekly bank statements showed further liquidation of outstanding bank credit.

SALES OFF TO-DATE

Call money held at 4 1/2 per cent all day. Sales for the day totalled 2,427,000 shares.

U.S. Steel rallied from 167 1/2 to 173 and closed around 172.

C.P.R. HOLDS DOWN

C.P.R. failed to respond to the general improvement in the rest of the market and held down around 164 and a little under.

International Combustion had a sharp break, suddenly dropping two points to 11 1/2, on offerings in large blocks.

GOOD RADIO EARNINGS

Estimates of \$3.50 to \$4.00 a share on Radio for the fourth quarter are heard in the street. While such estimates are liberal, it is understood that the Corporation will issue a satisfactory earnings statement and that the year-end balance sheet will show substantial improvement in the Corporation's fiscal position. On January 1 last the corporation had \$35,556,792 in cash and marketable securities, a total which should be increased by the end of the year through reinvestment of earnings.

SHORTS IN ANACONDA

The American declares that it is known that the short interest in most of the coppers, particularly Anaconda, is very large and the rumor is gaining circulation that a coup is planned by a powerful bull clique in the copper shares.

WILL BREAK OUT SOON

Wall Street Mirror issued the following to its clients:

"The market as a whole is moving back and forth within an ever-increasing arc. Whenever it breaks out of the rut that it is now in, either on the side of the advance, or on the down side, it should be followed."

"In its present mood, it should be let alone, except by the exceedingly nimble trader. This is the type of market in which one could be very severely burned. It is best to have no pronounced opinion concerning the course of prices at this time."

TAKE QUICK PROFITS

QUICKER LOSSES

"In addition, it is best to call attention to the old Wall Street adage: 'Take your profits quick, and your losses quicker.' This is not the type of market in which one should allow a loss to run, hoping for a rally later."

"Central Railway Signal is one of the equipments which is scheduled to show steady improvement in 1930. The company has business on hand, practically double that of this time last year. Furthermore, it is estimated that earnings for the year will run close to \$8 a share, with an increase in above \$10 a share in 1930, when

WHITNEY LETTER

(By Stanton Brown & Co. Limited)

New York, Dec. 17.—Whitney's "Financial Report" says to-day:

NON-PERFORMANCE

"No market ever started more un- auspiciously to fulfill the indicated programme than that of yesterday. In fact no start for the fulfillment of the programme was made at all. There perhaps is some excuse for the rail group which failed to receive the Interstate Commerce Commission plan as we confidently expected at the end of last week, but there was little or no excuse for the balance of the list. The selling movement has not carried to the low points as registered on the reaction from which the market has just emerged at the end of last week, and undoubtedly will not do so to-day, despite the fact that there will be a carry-over of the selling movement in the early part of the session."

"To-day's market should undoubtedly witness a very sharp recovery, but to fulfill the programme outlined here yesterday it will have to do more than that. In that it will have to demonstrate an ability not only to rally sharply but to hold the gains and to improve on them in the following session. If this is not done then without destroying the extent of what will be the second phase of advance it will be necessary to alter the time element and to shape market policies in accordance with the alteration in the second element. Thus far, barring the disappointment of the day there is no reason for altering the market position taken here. But the market must prove itself within the next twenty-four to forty-eight hours. Meanwhile, it will pay to maintain positions which have been taken to use the carry-over of the selling movement in the first hour of the day for the purchase of stocks and to await the developments of the next two sessions."

COMMENT

"The president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad referred to the imminent appearance of the Interstate Commerce Commission railroad consolidation plan. While this has not appeared at the date expected it is virtually promised before Christmas, and may appear on any day from this point on. All of which warrants the purchase particularly of the stocks previously recommended in this group whenever they are available at reasonable prices, such as was the case yesterday."

"There is no change in position of the motor group, where General Motors, Hudson and Chrysler in particular are to be acquired not only at low prices in relation to the past, but at prices which represent little more than the net quick asset position plus a relatively minor amount for the plants and equipment of the various companies."

"The oil group is undoubtedly in the final state of accumulation, and is the group which from the standpoint of fundamentals will enter 1930 in the most favorable position of any industry."

GOOD CHRYSLER BUYING

"Most of the recent buying in Chrysler is reported to have come from very large investors. The stock has apparently discounted all likely adverse developments."

HUFF POSITION STRONG

"Huff Motors is now in a very strong financial position, having more than \$12 a share in cash, with no capital obligations preceding the common stock. All expenses incidental to the absorption of the Chandler-Cleveland were absorbed out of 1929 earnings, notwithstanding which the full year's dividend requirements were earned by the company during the first nine months. Huff is now considered in a position to score a sharp advance in earnings in 1930."

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

December 17
(By B.O. Bond Corporation Limited)

High Low Close

Air Reduction 122 117 131

Allied Chemical 201-4 200 201-4

Allis Chalmers 52-3 51 52-3

Am. Busch Mfg. 44 43-5 44

Am. Can 114-1 114 114-1

Am. and For. Power 94-4 93-5 94-4

Am. Radiator 103 102 103

Am. Smelters 31-4 31-5 31-4

Am. Steel Foundry 45-4 45 45-4

Am. Sugar and Ref. 61-1 61 61-1

Am. Tel. and Tel. 221-4 221-5 221-4

Am. Tobacco 200-4 200-5 200-4

Anaconda Copper 70-4 70-5 70-4

Asad Dry Goods 31-3 31-4 31-3

Atchafalaya 14-4 14-5 14-4

Atlantic Gulf W.L. 74 73 74

Atlantic Refining 41-4 41-5 41-4

A.M. Ryers 47-1 47-2 47-1

Aurifer Metals 48-4 48-5 48-4

Auto Radiator 117 116 117

Bethlehem Steel 94-3 94-4 94-3

Bituminous Coal 31-1 31-2 31-1

Canada Dry 64-4 64-5 64-4

Cities Service 23-1 23-2 23-1

Col. Oil of Cal. 172 171 172

Columbia Carbon 172 171 172

Calumet and Hecla 61 60 61

Can. Pacific 134 133 134

Chesapeake Corp. 61 60 61

Chesapeake and Ohio 211 210 211

Chrysler Motors 47-1 47-2 47-1

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Anthony Anderson has returned to Victoria after an exploratory tour of what is known as the Turner Valley belt, that is northwestern Columbia and southwestern British Columbia. He said he found the oil well drilling campaign, which has been going on since the last year, now approaching the tobacco plains of British Columbia. At Dor on the Great Northern Railway, half way between Rexford, Mont. and Fernie, B.C., he found camps and rigs going in. He said that Spokane oil men were putting down the test holes on the American side and the Pacific Petroleum Products Limited, on the Canadian side. "With developments in obscure parts of the province, either as they are, the Government may wake up one of these days and find that an oil field is flowing within the boundaries of this Province and besides enjoying the revenue from it to help our tax bills, problems will have to be solved regarding control of the area, just as has been done by the Dominion and Alberta. The Turner Valley and other fields east of the mountains where strikes have been made," Mr. Anderson said. "R. H. McCutcheon, the geologist on charge there, told me he had always maintained this British Columbia and Montana area worthy, as it is far enough from the break in the mountains to trap the oil and keep it from being lost. He said that when geology showed a closure on the structure, a well spotted in the right location would strike a new oil field, and the oil to the oil industry in the north-west generally."

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Leaders of the association said they would repeat Monday's demonstration. They would crowd into Mr. Ireland's small office in the building at Cambie and Pender Streets and refuse to move until they were given satisfaction.

POLICE CONTROL

Police officials said the men would be admitted, but only a few at a time.

Following the visit of their leaders, J. Lister and William McDevlin, to the city council last yesterday afternoon, the men assembled at a local hotel, not, they said, "for the purpose of passing resolutions, but for organization of the men which will play havoc with the city if we don't get satisfaction."

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"This seems to be a pretty decent bunch of people, and since it's your home, temporarily at least, I want to spare the house as much of the horror as I can," O'Brien explained to his nephew.

"That's decent of you, Uncle Pat," Bonnie Dundee thanked him.

As silently as if they were paying tribute to the dead, the ambulance attendants came up the stairs and entered the room, carrying the stretcher on which Cora's body would be borne away. Sergeant Turner listened anxiously at the door, but the house was still sleeping apparently.

"Let me help," Dundee begged, as the white-jacketed men bent over the dead woman. For suddenly he could not bear the thought that only untrained, alien hands should touch her. He sprang to the chair across which her kimono hung, then rejected the garment when he saw that it was an old, slightly soiled one. Cora would have a better one, he knew—and he found it in her closet.

There were tears in his eyes as he draped the pretty negligee of orchid chiffon and ostrich feathers about the poor, rigid shoulders. And regardless of onlookers he stooped and laid his lips lightly against the stiffening, thin, dry-skinned hand which had aroused his compassion when Cora Barker was alive. He stood aside then as the body was lifted to the stretcher, and was about to turn his face away when his eyes telegraphed an amazing message to his brain.

"Look, Dr. Price!" he called urgently. "Did you notice this? Her mouth is bruised. . . . Please, may I?" and he gently lifted the drooping upper lip, turned it back till it touched the nose. "Dr. Price, her lips have been pressed so hard against her teeth that the print shows plainly. See?"

"You're right," Dr. Price said slowly, as he bent to examine both lips. "But I don't quite understand—"

"I do!" Dundee cried in a choking voice. "Don't you see—Uncle Pat, Sergeant Turner, Cora Barker was killed with a kiss!"

"What do you mean?" Sergeant Turner demanded incredulously. "Oh, can't you see? I thought it was odd that she could be strangled to death without making sufficient outcry to awaken anyone. Bert Magnus's room is the nearest, and yet he evidently heard nothing, or he would have investigated, and—found her like this?"

"I mean," Dundee forced himself to speak in a calmer, lower voice, "that whoever murdered Cora Barker strangled her while she was being kissed. The man pressed his mouth so tightly against hers that she could not cry out when he tied the bridle of her hair."

"Can't you see it all? He was so well known to Cora that when he called to her from the porch in a low voice she came instantly, recognizing him, of course."

"Maybe they talked a bit first—I don't know, but he certainly made love to her, played with her hair. Maybe he remarked on how long the braids were. I can hear him saying: 'Why, they come clear to your waist, even when they're braided in the back,' and he crossed them in the back to prove it. Crossed them to make a strangulation possible. Then he brought the crossed braids over her shoulders, and while kissing her, suddenly tied them and drew the ends so tightly that she was strangled—his lips still on hers."

"My God!" Commissioner O'Brien breathed, and turned sharply away. "What a newspaper story this is!"

"OUR BOARDING HOUSE"

IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS FOLKS, EXCEPT OUT OF CURIOSITY—BUT WERE YOU PEOPLE EVER IN CHICAGO? ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO?—SEEMS TO ME YOUR FACES ARE FAMILIAR, BUT I CAN'T PLACE YOU!—Y'KNOW HOW IT IS, WHEN A FELLA GETS SOMETHING IN HIS MIND AN' HE CAN'T SETTLE IT—Y'KNOW, EH?

YOU MUST HAVE US CONFUSED WITH SOMEBODY ELSE, NO DOUBT!—MRS. GIMBLER AND I HAVE NEVER BEEN IN CHICAGO!—YOU MAY HAVE KNOWN SOMEONE WHO RESEMBLES ME!

CAREFUL JAKE, CALL YOUR SHOTS!

than the spot where Patrolman Callahan and Hunt picked him up."

"And what was his story?" Strawn demanded.

Dundee told him briefly, wearily. What Sever had admitted: that he had gone to the Rhodes House on Saturday night at half-past eleven, intending to make one more effort to enlist Cora Barker's aid in robbing Mrs. Hogarth; that he had waited in the greenhouse until Cora had entered the boarding house, at ten minutes after twelve, and that he had then climbed up the rose trellis to the upstairs porch, that he had seen Cora in Mrs. Hogarth's room, had realized the old lady was dead, murdered; and that he had scrambled back down the rose trellis in mad fright of being caught on the scene of a crime he had not committed.

"Roll!" Strawn said contemptuously into the big brass cuspidor beside his desk. "He's guilty as hell. Smart, too. Frankly admitted everything he was sure you 'already had' against him. What you told him you had on him, and he killed Cora Barker because he was sure she'd told the police the whole truth against him, or to keep her from doing so. He knew he couldn't just chance a cover forever, probably his girl forced him out—and he figured he could only swing even anyway, and he might as well get even with Cora before he got his rope neck. Remember, he knew she'd been arrested as a material witness, and he had no way of knowing just how much she had already told."

"But why would Cora let him kiss her?" Dundee asked wearily. "Maybe he stole the kiss—then kept on kissing till the bridle was tied so tight she could never object again to anyone's kisses." Strawn smirked callously.

"Don't!" the boy shuddered. "You're all shot, Bonnie. Strawn was brusquely contending. 'Better get back to the Rhodes House to breakfast and to bed.'—By the way, as if you can work that speech stunt again, to keep the boards where they are until after the inquest to-day, any?"

"That's just a chance, of course, that something may develop this afternoon that will make us want to keep them in and make it an official order," Dundee admitted. "I don't feel up to pleading with anyone to stay in that house any longer."

"Murder! Mansion," the paper calls it. Strawn grinned. "See?"

"Thanks—I'd rather not," Dundee repudiated the newspaper with a gesture of distaste. "By the way, we're holding Sever as a material witness, not on a charge of murder yet. The district attorney advised it, so we could get Sever's testimony at the inquest this afternoon. . . . Well, I believe I'll go now."

"Good idea," Strawn agreed. "Just one other thing. Who had charge of the investigation this morning at the Rhodes?"

"Sergeant Turner. I suppose he's snatching a nap now, but I can tell you anything you want to know. He came back to headquarters about six, just before he was picked up. He was halfway down the stairs when he heard a door open, then Bert Magnus voice: 'Is anything wrong?'—What's that? Not—oh, my God! Not Cora! War! For God's sake tell me—let me see her!"

Almost in a frenzy himself, Bonnie Dundee tore on down the stairs, jerked open the door and plunged out into the gray dawn.

CHAPTER XXXVIII

At half-past eight that Wednesday morning an exhausted young detective was hauled back to consciousness by an urgent but kindly hand upon his arm. He sat up, dazed, to find himself not in his bed but in a creaking swivel chair, and that his pillow had been his own arms crossed upon an untidy desk.

"Wake up, boy!" Lieutenant Strawn greeted him with brusque sympathy. Better get grab a bit of breakfast and get into bed. You'll need some rest before the double inquest this afternoon."

"You're back?" Bonnie Dundee ran a shaking hand through his disordered black hair and blinked dazed blue eyes at his chief.

"Sure! Just got in. Got a morning paper at the station. I'm sorry about Cora Barker. Have you got a confession out of that swine, Strawn yet?"

The paper says he's been on the grill since he was nabbed at 2 o'clock this morning."

Dundee shook his head gloomily as he rubbed his aching arms. "No, I was at him hammer and tongs for more than two hours after we discovered Cora's murder, but he stuck to his story. Fainted when he broke the news to him, but in between being sick as a poisoned pup he kept denying he'd been any nearer the Rhodes House."

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—By AHERN

BEDTIME STORY

Uncle Wiggly and the Christmas Nuts

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By HOWARD R. GARIS

Uncle Wiggly hopped slowly toward the hollow stump bungalow with a bag upon his back. The old rabbit gentleman was looking to make sure none of his little bunny-boys or girls saw him. Why, Uncle Wiggly exclaimed a voice behind him, the Rhodes House was a jump of surprise that he nearly dropped the bag. "You look just like Santa Claus with a pack upon your back," went on the voice.

Uncle Wiggly turned and saw Mrs. Twisttail, the fat pig lady. "Oh, hush!" he murmured. "I thought, 'How curious the rabbit. I thought, 'You startled me.' 'What have you in the bag?' grunted the pig lady. 'It smells very good—like candy!' she went on in a loud voice."

"Hush!" begged Uncle Wiggly. "It is candy," he whispered. "Christmas candy that I just bought at the store to put in the Christmas stockings next week. Not so loud, if you please," he went on, holding his paw against his pink nose. "I don't want the little rabbits to know about it—surprise, you understand."

"Oh, of course," said Mrs. Twisttail. "How careless of me! But none of your little rabbits is around so hop quickly to the Rhodes House and hide the Christmas candy."

This Uncle Wiggly did, with the help of his wife and Nurse Jane. "What kept you so long?" asked Mrs. Twisttail. "I must have had my husband shopping for the sweet stuff."

"I got stuck," he said. "I put the bag of candy down on a stump and sat it so Buster and Custer, whom I met wouldn't know what it was, couldn't get unstuck for a little while. 'Well, as long as you're home it's all right,' said the rabbit lady. 'And now that you have the Christmas candy, I wonder if you would mind going out again?'"

"What for?" asked Uncle Wiggly. "To get the Christmas nuts," went on his wife. "I must have had my well as candy for the Christmas stockings. Will you go?"

"Why, of course I will," Uncle Wiggly answered. "I'll get another bag, and gather as many Christmas nuts as I can. It's a bit late for them, though. I'm afraid the squirrels have hidden most of the nuts that dropped off the trees."

"Perhaps you can find enough," suggested Mrs. Longears. "Please try." So Uncle Wiggly, with another bag over his back, hopped over the field and through the woods, looking for hickorynuts, walnuts, pecans and as many other sorts as he could find. He wished there were chestnuts but these, he knew, had disappeared long ago. All the chestnut trees were dead.

However Uncle Wiggly was pretty lucky and though in some places the nuts were covered with snow, which he had to scrape away, and in other places the squirrels had gathered the nuts into their nests, still Mr. Longears managed to fill his bag.

"My, but it's heavy!" he exclaimed as he slung it over his back and started home with it. "These Christmas nuts are heavier than the Christmas candy."

After a while Uncle Wiggly felt tired, so he sat down to rest on the ground with the sack of nuts beside him. Having on his fur coat Uncle Wiggly felt quite warm and, before he knew it, he had fallen fast, fast asleep.

As Uncle Wiggly slept, a came creeping Jollie and Jollie Longtail, the mice children. Seeing their rabbit friend with a bag beside him, Jollie and Jollie went close and they smelled the nuts.

"I don't believe Uncle Wiggly would mind if we took a few," said Jollie. "Let's gnaw a hole in the bag and help ourselves."

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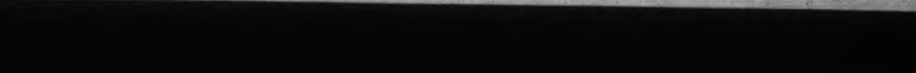
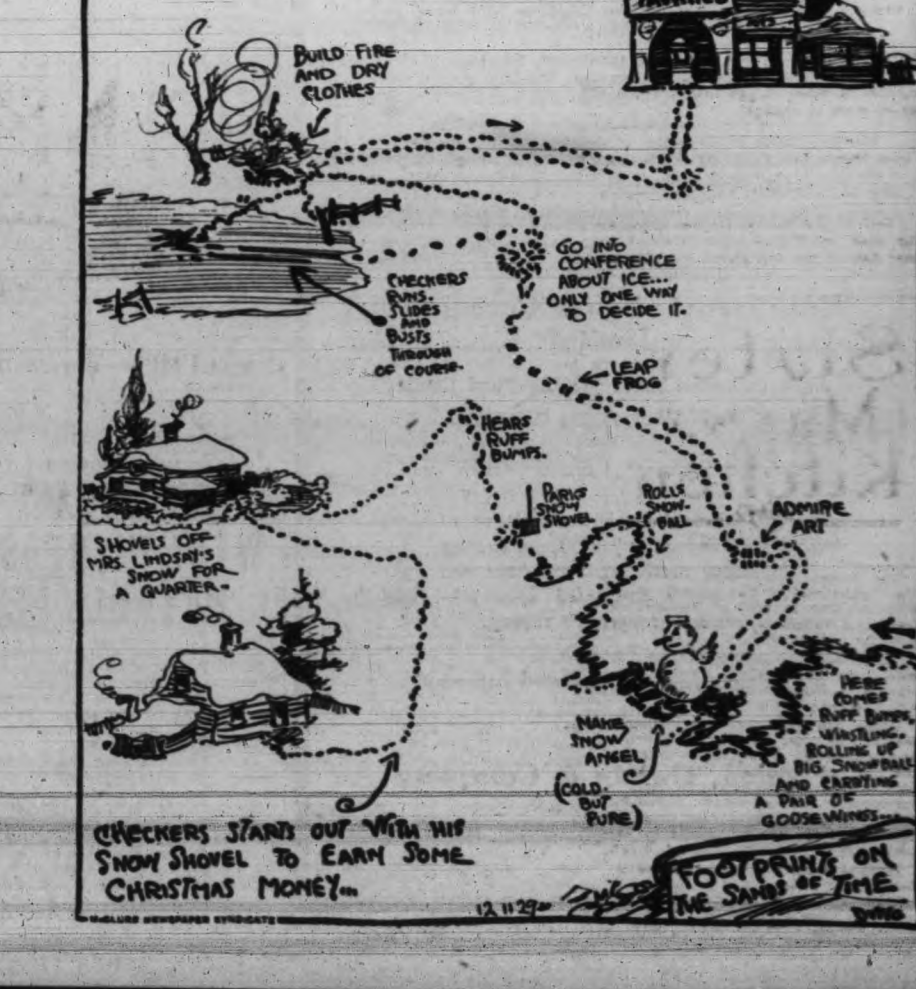
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Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

When Average People Wed, Do They Doom Their Children to the Same Mediocrity?—What Can a Wife Do to Make Her Husband Companionable?

DEAR MISS DIX—I am an average young man madly in love with an average young girl. Would it be quite all right for us to marry with the prospect of visiting the mediocrity of the average couple upon another generation? Is not eugenics the most important question of the age?

A. L. T.

Answer—Certainly eugenics is an important question, but, as a matter of fact, it is a subject about which we know very little that is authoritative as yet. Scientists are delving into the effects of heredity and trying to tabulate the results of what they have found out, but the most they seem to have done is to disprove a lot of the old superstitions about the inevitability of children "taking after" this one or that one of its parents who might happen to have some sort of disease or red hair or a high temper, or what have you.



Animals can be bred up, more or less, to a desired type, as is seen in race horses and prize cattle and fox terriers, but in the mating of men and women the spiritual equation enters and it is yet to be shown that the marriage of two movie stars produces a living picture, or that the offspring of college professors are any more highbrowed than the millruth of children.

On the contrary, some of the homeliest fathers and mothers I know have the handsomest children, while some of the finest-looking couples have had the runtiest ones. It is no uncommon thing to see a radiantly beautiful girl who has a mother who looks like a chromo, and to behold a regal-looking mother with an ugly little mouse of a daughter. And any walk down the street will show you tall, broad-shouldered, husky fathers towering above their half-portion sons and little wizened men trotting along in the wake of huge, beefy, athletic sons.

And it is the same way about brains and talents. It is an axiom that a great father seldom has a great son. Sometimes very intelligent people have superintelligent children, but it is by no means the rule. The star pupils in school are just as likely to be the children of ignorant fathers and mothers as they are of highbrows.

The men and women who sing in opera, who are great actors, who write books and plays, who pile up great fortunes, who make great inventions, are almost invariably the children of just plain, ordinary people and there is nothing in their heredity or their environment to account for their achievements.

So just because you and your sweetheart are average young people there is no reason for you to refrain from marrying for fear you may bring average children into the world. Your children will have just as good a chance to be geniuses and do wonderful things as any one else's. When you give them good, clean, healthy blood and a happy loving home to grow up in, and do your part toward training them to be useful citizens, you have given them all the chance that any children need in life.

And suppose they are not geniuses and don't set the world on fire? Their part in life is not less important. We can do with very few geniuses, but we need a lot of honest, capable men and women.

"God must have loved the common people. He made so many of them," said Abraham Lincoln.

DOROTHY DIX.

DEAR MISS DIX—If a man is not companionable, is there anything a wife can do to make him so? I married a man very much older than I am and I find myself very miserable with him because we have nothing in common. When he comes home at an evening he greets me casually, then grabs a paper or magazine and reads until bedtime. He even carries his paper to the dinner table and reads while he eats. He had lived alone for many years before we were married and this was his habit. His parents are too old to be congenial with me. Mine are so young they bore him. I am an educated woman only twenty-four and can easily support myself, but I hate the idea of divorce. I have tried to make my husband see how little attention would mean so much to me, but he calls me foolish and says I should be satisfied because I have a home. What can I do?

LONELY WIFE.

Answer—A man of his age never changes and so the only thing that you can do to either leave him or else adapt yourself to his ways.

It is certain that he will never adapt himself to yours, because his habits are fixed and unalterable and because he belongs to the old type of husband who believes that all that a woman needs to make her perfectly happy is a wedding ring and a house, and that when a man has given his wife these he has done his full duty toward her and he doesn't need to bother about her any more.

He doesn't understand that the modern woman, who is perfectly capable of supporting herself, doesn't marry for a meal ticket and isn't satisfied just to be clothed and fed. She demands that her husband give her sustenance for her soul as well as her body. She wants companionship and sympathy and understanding and love more than she wants bread and meat and clothes.

Of course, you made a mistake in marrying a man so much older than yourself that he does not enjoy any of the pleasures that you crave and which belong to youth. You are just beginning to see the show of life. He has seen it until he is tired of it. And you have a different viewpoint on everything because you belong to different generations. Perhaps that is why there is so little companionship between you. Age and youth do not find many congenial topics to discuss.

But all of that does not settle your problem, nor make your long evenings less dull, and at twenty-four it is a dreary prospect to look forward to—years upon years of sitting up with a paper worm for one's only company—but I do not know what you can do about it unless you find solace also in reading, or else draw about you a circle of young people who will give you the companionship your husband refuses you.

DOROTHY DIX.

DEAR MISS DIX—I am studying at normal school to be a teacher, but I find myself totally unadapted to the work and hate it, while there are a number of other things that I would enjoy doing. Shall I go on with my school work or change?

DOROTHY.

Answer—Change by all means. Unless you are interested in your work and love it you will never make a success of it. There is no greater joy in life than doing the work that we love to do for its own sake. That robs labor of its drudgery and gives to us a never-failing interest.

Half of the failures in the world are people who have drifted into doing the work that Nature never intended them to do and that bores them so that they cannot put any punch into their labor.

DOROTHY DIX.

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Sister Mary's Kitchen

BY SISTER MARY

The hostess who prides herself on the "mariness" of her entertainment will find that canapés at the opening feature of luncheon or dinner provide just the right touch.

The literal meaning of "canapé" is sofa, but the culinary interpretation implies a small piece of toast upon which various foods are served.

These little appetizers must be highly seasoned in order to whet the appetite and attractively colorful to intrigue the eye. On extremely formal occasions, canapés can be served in the living-room or drawing-room. These are finger foods and great care must be taken in their making that they are not greasy or otherwise difficult to eat.

Perhaps a more practical and satisfactory way of serving is to place each canapé on a dainty small plate, which in turn is placed on the service plate. These can be beaten with a

small fork and can be made a bit larger than the finger variety. The foundation is always thin slices of bread toasted or gauded in butter. The bread can be cut in fancy shapes or strips and the savory may be hot or cold. No matter what particular type is chosen, three things are essential—smallness in size, neatness and daintiness in appearance, and decided piquancy in flavor.

Anchovy and Olive Canapé
Toast thin slices of white or brown bread cut in any preferred shape.

Spread with anchovy butter and cover with thin slices of olives stuffed with pimiento. Garnish with a narrow border of minced hard-cooked egg white.

The simplest form of canapé is made by spreading the toast with a savory butter. The butter is created and mixed with an equal amount of any highly seasoned savory such as anchovy, sardines, crab meat, chervil, blonster, herring, horseradish, cheese, mayonnaise or mustard.

More elaborate ones are made with combinations of materials. Ricied egg yolk (hard cooked), minced parsley and olives, pimiento and green pepper and pipings of cream cheese make effective garnishes.

Lots 23 and 24, Black 13, section 48, on Belmont Avenue, were ordered sold by the City Council last night to a local purchaser, for \$300 and \$350 respectively, on terms, the list prices.

To-morrow's Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1929

Astrologers read this as rather an uncertain day in planetary direction. One strongly beset by a tendency to retrospection and moodiness, mental depression should be combated at this time.

Instead of regrets for past failures confidence in future successes should dominate the mind, the stars declare for the year 1930 is to be amazingly prosperous.

This is read as not fortunate for any sort of risk or speculation. Merchants will profit in reducing their stocks.

There is much promise for advertising while this configuration prevails. The year is auspicious for all sorts of publication. Letters are subject to the best direction of the stars to-day and should be written under the prevailing aspects.

The stars read for lovers warning to be cautious to-day. The evening is a time for foolish flirtation and silly romances. Theaters may not find the rules altogether satisfactory, but the stars seem to promise a holiday season of unusual profit.

Fashion shows and trade displays are to become more and more popular. It is forecast for the significance of clothing and environment is to be stressed as never before.

Persons whose birthdate it is may have a few worries in the coming year, but it should be a happy period. Danger of slander is pressed.

Beauty culture will attain a different standard, if the stars are rightly read, for the vogue for natural charms will dominate. Cosmetics are to pass out of fashion as disguises of ugliness, but they will be used with artistry. It is forecast.

Increased demand for books, newspapers, stationery and stationery and metal articles of many sorts is pronounced.

Children born on this day probably will combine with extreme seriousness a keen sense of humor. The subjects of this sign are generally exceedingly clever.

Lyman Abbott, noted theologian, was born on this day, 1833. Others who have celebrated it as a birthday include Karl Becker, German artist, 1820; Johan Niklas Mystrum, Swedish sculptor, 1783.

Three special concerts at the Empress Hotel this season. January 23, March 26, April 17.

CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Dublin, Dec. 17.—The Irish Free State will be represented at the Naval Limitation Conference in London next month by Hon. Patrick McGilligan, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Hon. Desmond Fitzgerald, Minister of Defence, and Hon. Timothy Swiddy, High Commissioner in Great Britain.

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VETERANS HELPING COMMUNITY

Not Organized to Talk Over War Deeds, Says A. and N. President

Distinguished Company at Annual Banquet Last Night

The annual reunion banquet of the Victoria Unit No. 13 of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada was held last night at the Chamber of Commerce Auditorium and attended by over 200 members. The guests at the head of the table included: Lieut.-Governor Bruce, Hon. Joshua Hinchliffe, Minister of Education; Mayor Herbert Anson, Brig. R. Sutherland Brown, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Commander L. W. Murray, R.C.N.; Col. T. E. Harrison, Capt. Nelson, Rev. W. J. Leighton; H. D. Twigg, M.P.P.; Rev. Major W. Barton, Col. J. McMillin, Rev. William Crouch, Gen. Sir Percy Lake, Hon. S. L. Howe, Major C. C. Allen, G. Gardner, D. B. Plunkett, M.P., P. L. Simmons, General Noel Money, Hon. F. P. Burden, Col. H. T. Goodland, Major Niven and S. Rowlinson. Thomas Jones, president of Victoria unit, was in the chair, and Capt. C. F. L. Money acted as toastmaster.

Before proposing the health of His Honor, the Lieut.-Governor, patron of Unit No. 13 of the Army and Navy Veterans, President Jones remarked that the gathering was the first reunion of the unit since the war. He said the unit was the only one in the province that had been organized during the year of their own building. Substantial contributions had been made by the Army and Navy Veterans to charitable organizations, notably the endowment of a cot at the Queen Alexandra Solarium. "We are not gathered in an organization to talk over what we have done in the Great War or other wars, but to co-operate in advancing the interests of the whole community. We learned in the war to do things; that the way to attain that objective is to be in the front line," he said, proposing the health of His Honor, which was honored after singing "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and cheers.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR SPEAKS
Lieut.-Governor R. Bruce appreciated the warmth of his welcome, remarking, "I wish you, Mr. Jones, and the gallant members of the Army and Navy Veterans, to accept my heartfelt thanks for the manner in which you have received the toast of your patron. I deem it a great honor to be your patron, an honor which I realize is to be attributed to the post-war which I hold, as the representative of His Majesty the King in this province, and therefore the reception which you gave this toast is an expression of your service to the state and your loyalty to the Crown," he said.

"Mr. Chairman, I am delighted to be with you to-night, to participate in this annual gathering, in your silent quest and to join in the happy reunion of your members. Also, time is taking the toll of both our veterans and our youth. A new generation is stepping into the shoes of the old and womanhood and youth are serving to remind them of your service to the state and their duty towards you. Acting under a most happy inspiration, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, summoned from every quarter of the Empire the gallant V.C.'s to dine with him at Westminster. It was fitting that the scene of this historic dinner should have been in the great hall, around which has gathered so much of the history of our Empire. Not only was this a unique reunion, but it served to stir the national consciousness of the people of the Empire to a renewed realization of what the Empire owed, not only to those gallant gentlemen, but to the great army of veterans which they represented. Let us see to it that we keep faith and remain worthy bearers of the torch that was flung to us," the Lieut.-Governor said.

"And now, Mr. President, may I congratulate you, your executive and your indefatigable secretary, Capt. Money, on your increasing membership and your growing prosperity? Not only have you been able to acquire your club, but your sympathies have reached out to many in need of help, and to other institutions outside your own immediate membership, such as the Solarium, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the Friendly Help. In addition by care and thrift, you are creating an endowment fund earmarked for the widows and children and the less fortunate of your members. One cannot help but admire this sturdy spirit, which might well be interpreted in those lines of the poet Burns, where he speaks of gathering wealth: 'Not for to hide it in a hedge, nor for the train attendant, but for the glorious privilege of being independent.'"

"In the simple language of olden days, 'I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and may health and happiness continue to be yours.'"

SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME

The toast to British Columbia was replied to by Hon. Joshua Hinchliffe, Minister of Education.

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Minister of Education. "The greatness of a country does not lie altogether in its material resources. The future of British Columbia does not lie in its lumber, minerals or fisheries, but in the greatness of the character of the people who will live in it."

"So I am glad to have the honor of speaking to a gathering of ex-service men, for it is on their character, in great part, that the future people of this Province will be built up," he said. Mr. Hinchliffe said that he had been informed in Saskatchewan of a system of aid to children of ex-service men with scholarships for advanced courses. "I propose to include in a bill, to be placed before the Legislature, provision to aid such cases up to the university and including normal school courses. I hope to see provision of scholarships of \$25 monthly for a certain number of young people, children of ex-service men, who otherwise would not be able to obtain such advanced training," the minister announced, arousing rounds of applause.

KEEP INTEREST KEEN
Mayor Anson was warmly received. He recalled his long membership, praised the initiative of the Victoria unit in acquiring a property stake in the city and expressed appreciation of charitable activities. He appealed for continuation of interest in civic affairs, remarking that if the people lose interest between elections in the council's work they had no complaint if errors ensue in council policies. "We do not say we make no mistakes, on the contrary we make lots of them. If you have good ideas it is your duty to submit them to your council," he urged.

The Mayor told of civic development in recent years and problems to be met in the near future. He expressed appreciation of the co-operation of the Victoria unit in the work of the council and the work of the Victoria unit in the work of the council and the work of the Victoria unit in the work of the council.

MILITARY MATTERS
Replying to the toast to the Army, Navy and Air Forces, Brigadier R. Sutherland Brown took the occasion to lead in a salute to the Canadian forces, which had been of great importance in the speedy mobilization of the first contingent.

He stated that the British army had recovered from post-war difficulties and was well equipped and was to-day ahead of any other military force. He said the British army was now leading in aviation matters. He said the British army was now leading in aviation matters. He said the British army was now leading in aviation matters.

UNITY ADVISED
The toast to the Victoria Unit No. 13 of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada was replied to by Major G. G. Collins, J.P., Dominion second vice-president and provincial president. He said Victoria unit had earned high regard among the branches, there being no organization in British Columbia which does more good. He regretted that the veterans in Canada were not more closely organized, remarking that the greatest enemy of the returned man in Canada was the returned man himself. He strongly advised unity as a means of progress.

The musical programme included numbers by an orchestra directed by Major W. Barton, and vocal selections by Messrs. Braden, E. Butlerworth, J. Matheson, Col. J. R. Forbes, J. Clayton, Col. Harrison and Capt. Mitchell.

BOWDEN SEEKS RE-ELECTION

Captain Sidney R. Bowden last night announced that he would stand again for election to the post of police commissioner for 1935 when he stood for council.

Two years ago he was re-elected police commissioner by acclamation.

Colwood

The Colwood Burns Club will stage their first dance of the season on Friday night, Dec. 19, at the Colwood hall. The evening will be the introduction of many of the Scotch dances, the music being supplied by Mackie's Orchestra. Turkey and other tombola awards will be made. Tickets may be secured from J. H. Hopwood, convenor of ticket committee. Refreshments will be served.

A gratifying report of the year's activities was presented at the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to St. John's Church, held in Colwood hall, Wednesday. The activities included two sales of work, card party, and other tea. The treasurer reported a substantial sum had been handed to the church wardens as the result of the November sale of work.

The retiring officers for 1929 were re-elected for the year 1930, as follows: President, Miss James; secretary, Mrs. W. M. Brown; treasurer, Mrs. H. Parker; Living Messenger secretary, Mrs. R. W. Robinson; thank-offering secretary, Mrs. J. W. Little; Mrs. R. W. Robinson and Mrs. T. Millburn were elected delegates to the Diocesan Board meeting to be held in Victoria in January.

The hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. A. L. Nixon and Mrs. D. Ruddle. Many tables of five hundred were in play at weekly card party held in Colwood hall. Mrs. Haggard and J. P. Robinson secured first prizes, while Miss McCullough and W. Bosworth received consolation. The social committee served refreshments.

AUDITORIUM AT JAMES DOUGLAS SCHOOL MOOTED

City Council Ratifies Extraordinary Estimate of City Trustees

Money for Brick Building Has Been Saved By Board From Budget

A brick annex at Sir James Douglas School, for the purposes of a school auditorium, is to be erected at an estimated cost of approximately \$7,000, on the assent of the City Council last night to an extraordinary estimate submitted by the City School Trustees. The need for an auditorium at the school was stressed in a petition by 422 residents in the area, members of the Sir James Douglas Parent-Teachers Association, or ratepayers in the district.

The School Board, in submitting the plan, stated that the trustees had a surplus of some \$7,000 which would appear this year in its expenditure account, through careful management. These funds it is proposed to erect the auditorium, as a brick annex on lot 49, on school property.

There has been a marked increase in attendance at the school in the last two years, as Fairfield has filled up, and it was found necessary to rent church property on frequent occasions to satisfy the need of one meeting place where all the pupils could congregate, it set out.

Aldermen E. S. Woodward and John Worthington moved the ratification of the extraordinary estimate of the board. Aldermen William Marchant and H. O. Litchfield supported the plan, stating that an auditorium had been included in the original plans, and later cut out. The need for such a building had long been evident, they said.

The council passed the vote without division, and the trustees are to leave to proceed with the erection of the necessary building.

CITY CONDEMNS AGED BUILDING

Alderman W. T. Straith Replies to Critics in Dallas Hotel Deal

The City Council took the final action in ordering the demolition of the notorious waterfront premises known as the Dallas Hotel, a landmark for all time, by ratifying a formal agreement with George Dodds to tear down the building and remove all rubbish at the site.

Answering a criticism in letters to the press, Alderman W. T. Straith, chairman of the industrial committee, explained negotiations which he said had taken place in reference to the premises, as follows:

"On Saturday evening a letter from Max Johnson appeared in The Times criticising the action of the industrial committee regarding the Dallas Hotel, and I think that the council are entitled to know some information regarding this. 'Like many other suggestions made to the industrial committee this year, the offer of Max Johnson did not materialize, and consequently has never reached the council from our committee. Mr. Johnson offered the city \$250 for the hotel and site. We asked Mr. Johnson to raise his price to \$500, but he refused. In addition the city is receiving fifty cents a square foot for the glass in the building. In parting with valuable property the committee is of the opinion that the purchasers should give evidence of good faith by permitting the title deeds to remain in escrow until the building was completed. Mr. Johnson objected to this condition. This agreement has been in Mr. Johnson's hands for two months, and we have not had a reply from him. We consequently considered that he was no longer interested in the proposition, and informed the land committee recently that we were no longer interested in the Dallas Hotel property, and the land committee two weeks ago recommended the demolition of the building."

"I was surprised at Mr. Johnson's objection to the demolition of the building, because his proposal was to tear down the building and use the bricks for building ovens for the smoking of fish," concluded Mr. Straith.

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Ganges

An exciting basketball game took place on Saturday evening in the Fulford hall, when the Fulford boys and girls teams came up from Victoria to play the Fulford boys and Salt Spring island girls. The girls played off their match first, which was decidedly the Salt Spring girls' game until within the last fifteen minutes, when the Victoria girls scored twice, the game ending in their favor, 16-13. The match between the boys proved one of the best seen here for a long time. The Fulford boys started with a rush, scoring 12 in the first ten minutes. This put the Fulford boys on their mettle, and the game went with a rush, finishing up Victoria 33, Fulford 22. Dancing followed to the strains of Madame Bertucci's orchestra from Victoria. Following are the players of the home teams: Salt Spring Island girls—V. A. Akerman, M. Harris, M. Campbell, I. Kerr and I. Vye. E. Morris spare. Fulford Harbor—W. Douglas, G. Hamilton, R. Morris, V. Douglas and F. Morris. B. A. Akerman spare.

The Sunshine Guild held a small social afternoon sale in their guild rooms, Ganges, Thursday afternoon. The home cooking stall, in charge of Mrs. Mount and Mrs. Holmes, had a tempting display, while the needlework stall, with Mrs. Purdy in attendance, did good business. Mrs. Allan Cartwright and Mrs. Gavin Mount had a tempting display of home made candies, which they found no trouble in disposing of. Mrs. W. Bond had a miscellaneous collection stall, which comprised books, magazines, jam, pickles, etc. Mrs. E. Parsons, assisted by Miss Margaret Purdy, served afternoon teas during the afternoon. The proceeds will be devoted to the guild fund and amounted to about \$37.05.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith, Ganges, were receiving congratulations on the birth of a son at their home on Thursday, December 12.

Mrs. Drinkwater, who has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wakelin of the Divide, for a month, left this week for Vancouver.

Following is the monthly report of the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, Ganges Harbor. Patients admitted during November, eight; patients carried forward from October, one; births, none; deaths, none; still in hospital, two; total number of hospital days for November, fifty-three. List of donations: Mrs. Simpson, tomatoes; Mrs. A. Smith, magazines; Mrs. Reid, pear; Mr. Brown, venison; Mrs. Stephens, pears; Mrs. Nichols, apples; Mr. Simpson, books.

The Ganges basketball team, seniors, journeyed by launch on Friday evening to Duncan to play the Duncan team. The game ended 46-9 in favor of Duncan. The girls' team from Ganges played the Duncan girls, also being beaten, the score standing 21-14. The boys team was as follows: D. Crofton, J. Simpson, C. Wagg, J. A. Akerman and L. Mount. The girls' team comprised the following players: Iris Kerr, Violet Akerman, R. Rogers, M. Harris and F. Gardner.

Mrs. G. B. Benson returned to Ganges on Thursday afternoon, after spending a week in Victoria.

Charles Grant of Vancouver, who has been spending several weeks on Salt Spring Island with friends, left on the Princess Royal on Thursday afternoon.

The Salt Spring Island Badminton Club held its first social event of the season on Thursday evening, when a

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very successful dance was held in the Central Settlement Hall. Between seventy and eighty people were present, a party of sixteen coming over by launch from Duncan and several from the occasion with green and crimson, and Hague's orchestra was in attendance.

Mrs. C. Macintosh, Ganges Harbor, left on Thursday for a few days' visit to Vancouver.

J. McCallum returned to his home on Salt Spring Island on Thursday morning, after spending a week in Victoria.

H. F. Peter returned to Ganges on Friday evening after spending the week in Victoria on business.

Miss Betty Shaw of Burgoyne Valley is spending a week in Victoria, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart.

Mr. Campbell and Miss Betty Campbell of Victoria were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Mollett, Burgoyne Valley, South Salt Spring Island.

Laurie Peterson, Ganges, left by launch on Monday morning to spend a few days in Victoria.

Meas. R. and C. Lee of Burgoyne Valley spent Saturday in Victoria, returning in the evening by launch.

Miss Marjorie Campbell was a week-end visitor to Victoria, the guest of her parents.

D. Hamilton returned to Nanaimo via Victoria on Monday, after spending a week at the Ganges Hotel.

F. Hill of Mungana's Mountain has returned home after being the guest for several days of Mr. and Mrs. C. Menhemick of Beaver Point.

Mrs. R. Torrance, Ganges Harbor, is spending a holiday with relatives in Nanaimo.

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